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ABSTRACT

This directory lists 500 organizations to help young people who want to share a special interest, make new friends, get more involved, or find out more about their future career goals. The directory is a guide to U.S. adult-sponsored, kid-targeted, national non-profit and for-profit organizations. The directory is easy to use, fully indexed, and organized by the focus of each organization. Each entry provides a contact name, address, phone number, and a brief description of the organization's objectives and activities. Available e-mail addresses and Web sites also are listed. The book includes tips on how to find local chapters of organizations and information about how to start a local chapter on the local level. The groups listed provide a vast, informal system of education through which members learn a variety of skills and values. Service, scholarship, internship opportunities, and career advice are often available. Title headings of the contents include: (1) "Introduction"; (2) "About This Directory"; (3) "A Special Note to Parents"; (4) "Directory of American Youth Organizations"; (5) "Youth Work on the Internet"; (6) "Background Information about Youth Organizations"; (7) "Resources for Administrators and Leaders"; (8) "Readings"; and (9) "Index." (EH)

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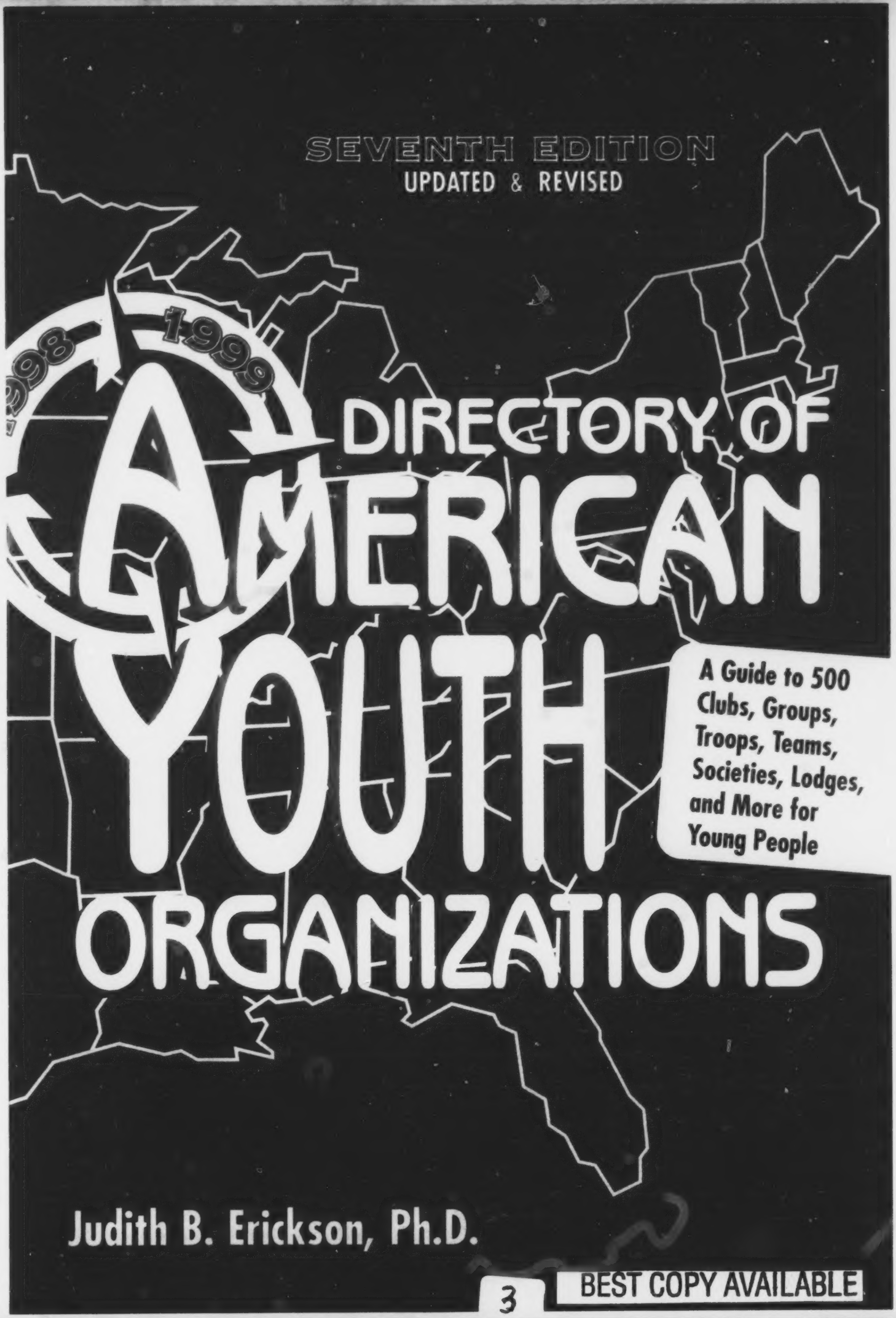

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Dedication

To the thousands of individuals—mostly unknown, and often unappreciated—who continue to keep these organizations going from generation to generation.

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Introduction

"I'm bored!"

"I want to try something new."

"I wish I knew someone who liked the same things I like."

"I'd like to help someone, but I don't know where to start."

Sound familiar? If so, you've come to the right place. This Directory will point you toward hundreds of organizations that will give you plenty to do and lots of new things to try, introduce you to many people who share your interests, and make boredom a thing of the past.

You'll find organizations based on hobbies and special interests, organizations that focus on sports and school subjects, and organizations that celebrate your ethnic heritage. You'll discover patriotic organizations, religious organizations, and organizations that can help you prepare for a career. For those of you who want to play a bigger part in the world, there are political organizations, social service organizations, conservation groups, and more.

Some groups can be joined by individuals (meaning you, all by yourself). Others require that a certain number of people (it varies) form a group or a chapter and join together. Still others share programs that can be adopted by clubs, troops, and other groups already in existence. Many of these groups offer opportunities for service that will make your school, your neighborhood, your community—maybe even the world—better places, now and in the future.

So, where to start? First, think of a topic or activity that interests you. Is there something you're fascinated by? Concerned about? Or simply curious about? Next, scan the Table of Contents, skim the Index, or flip through the pages to see if anything catches your eye. Then look over the list of organization types and read the descriptions. The rest is up to you!

When you find a group you're interested in, learn a little more about it. It's easy. Just write or call for more information. Most of the organizations have prepared brochures or other printed materials they'll be happy to send you, if you ask. (Some may request that you send a business-sized self-addressed, stamped envelope—a SASE. Since most organizations listed here are nonprofit, meaning they're not in it for the money, that's fair.) Some have an 800 or 888 number so you can telephone them toll-free. (For those that don't, we recommend that you check with your parents before placing the call. That's fair, too.)

You will discover that many organizations have moved into cyberspace and have an email address and/or homepage on the World Wide Web. For those of you with computers and modems, these are additional ways to contact an organization to find out more about it. Many organizations provide chatrooms for their members and others who might be interested in joining. Never contact an organization or provide personal information about yourself or your family via the Internet without first getting an OK from a parent or guardian.

Those of you who use the Internet regularly know that it's a big, wonderful, but quite untamed, source of information! If your surfing should carry you into an area that makes you uncomfortable, leave the site and talk to a parent or guardian about it.

Once you get the information you've asked for, from whatever source, there's a way to learn even more about a particular organization. Get the name of the council, chapter, or club closest to your area, and arrange to go to a group meeting (only with permission from a parent or guardian, of course!). You may want to prepare some questions ahead of time to ask members at the meeting. Here are a few suggestions to start with:

- Why did you join this organization? What first got you interested in it?
- How long have you been a member?
- What are some of the things you do as a member?
- What do you like best about this organization?
- Is there anything you don't like about it?
- Does this organization hold regular meetings? When and where?
- What usually goes on at a meeting?
- Has belonging to this organization made a difference in your life? How?
- Have you made new friends by joining this organization?
- What are some other advantages of being a member?
- Why do you think people should join this organization?

Come up with more questions of your own. Or just let the person tell you about the organization. Joiners and belongers usually enjoy talking about their experiences, and listening can help you make up your mind.

Keep your parents or guardians involved, too. Share what you learn with them, and ask for their advice and opinions. In fact, if you want to do a really thorough job of researching an organization on your way to deciding whether to join it (or not), have your parents work with you to develop a checklist of what you want from the organization and what you want to give to it in return.

Here's another reason to get your parents involved in your decision-making process: Most of the organizations listed here encourage adults to participate as volunteers or leaders. Who knows—you may end up joining together!

Somewhere on these pages is an organization that's right for you. Good luck on your search—and have fun.

Judith Erickson

January 1998

About This Directory

Americans have been known as a nation of joiners since the early days of the Republic. Yet we think you'll be surprised at the great number of choices available to young people today.

In preparing this Directory, we found well over 500 adult-sponsored organizations and programs that enroll millions of American children and teenagers in groups, troops, teams, and clubs. And these are just the organizations that have grown to be national. If we had included all of the local grassroots clubs and programs for young people, we would have needed a directory of more than 17,000 organizations!

The national organizations alone are led by a veritable army of volunteers, and the programs are administered by thousands of staff members. Together these organizations represent a vast, informal system of education through which members may learn a broad spectrum of skills, attitudes, and values. They offer a wide range of options for young people looking for something to do, for young people and adults looking for avenues for volunteer service, and for those seeking career opportunities in the youth work field.

Each organization here is in some ways similar to many others, but in other ways is quite different—the product of its unique history and development. But all share these characteristics:

- They serve children and youth of school age (some may have programs for toddlers and/or young adults as well).
- They foster groups, troops, or teams of young peers that are conducted under adult supervision.
- They are nonprofit (although a few are associated with profit-making corporations).
- They are national in scope—members are drawn from more than one state, and there is a central coordinating office.

This Directory is designed as a tool for young people, their parents, educators, librarians, youth workers (and those thinking about becoming youth workers), volunteers of all ages, and youth policy makers. We have made every effort to make it as complete as possible.

We have also tried to make this Directory easy to use. We decided that the best way to do this was to group the organizations within the categories described on the following pages. When an organization could have been placed in more than one category, we consulted with a member of its staff before making our final decision.

We welcome your comments.

Hobby and Special Interest Groups, Academic Clubs, and Honor Societies
(pages 11–18)

Groups in this category are generally devoted to the pursuit of a single interest, although a few, such as the general honor societies, have broader programs. A number of these groups are offered as extracurricular activities at schools.

Career Education and Vocational Student Groups
(pages 18–23)

The primary mission of these organizations is to provide introductions to various occupational fields. Many also stress the development of good work habits and attitudes, effective public speaking, parliamentary skills, and service to the community.

Science, Math, and Technology Organizations
(pages 23–30)

These groups encourage activities related to science, mathematics, engineering, and/or technology. Some foster career exploration and offer opportunities for concentrated study. See also Conservation and Humane Education Groups (pages 105–110), Character-Building Organizations (pages 77–81), and Career Education and Vocational Student Groups (pages 18–23) for additional opportunities.

Sports Organizations
(pages 30–63)

The various organizations have been classified by sport: baseball/softball, biking, bowling, boxing, and so on. Several organizations that provide sports programs for young people with disabilities are included. See also Character-Building Organizations (pages 77–81) and Ethnic Heritage Groups (pages 123–130) for other organizations that have sports programs.

Civic Education and Political Organizations
(pages 64–71)

The primary aim of these groups is to introduce young people to citizenship and political responsibility. Some are nonpartisan, and others are associated with a particular party or political perspective.

Peace and Global Understanding Groups
(pages 71–77)

Groups included here have as their focus resolving conflict in nonviolent ways, concern about nuclear arms and world peace, and understanding other peoples and cultures. Several offer opportunities for service overseas and for international student exchanges.

Character-Building Organizations
(pages 77–81)

These groups provide comprehensive, primarily secular (not specifically religious) programs aimed at the development of the "whole person." They are usually open to all members of the community.

Social Welfare and Community Development Groups
(pages 82–84)

These organizations provide services to youth and their communities. In some cases, these services are general; in others, they are related to a particular problem. Several groups provide avenues for young people to help themselves and others.

Religious Organizations
(pages 84–105)
Protestant
(pages 84–97)
Catholic
(pages 97–99)
Jewish
(pages 99–103)
Other Religious Organizations
(pages 104–105)

Some of these groups are associated with a particular denomination or branch of their faith, while others are independent or nondenominational. Some have comprehensive programs, offering a wide range of activities, including camping, travel, and service opportunities.

Conservation and Humane Education Groups
(pages 105–110)

These groups are dedicated to the preservation and wise use of the natural environment and/or to promoting the humane treatment of animals. See also Science, Math, and Technology Organizations (pages 23–30) and Character-Building Organizations (pages 77–81) for related groups.

Service Organization Youth Programs
(pages 111–113)

As is true of the adult organizations that sponsor them, these programs stress service to school and community.

Self-Help Organizations
(pages 114–116)

These national groups are dedicated to helping youth cope with particular problems or issues.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Prevention Organizations
(pages 116–120)

These organizations and programs promote abstinence from use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs by young people.

Hereditary, Veterans, Military, and Patriotic Groups
(pages 120–122)

Nearly all of these groups are associated with adult organizations. Some have restrictions on membership.

Ethnic Heritage Groups
(pages 123–130)

Most of these exist to preserve and promote the material culture and traditions of a specific ethnic heritage. Some may be restricted to individuals of a particular ethnic heritage; others are open to all interested youth.

Youth Lodges and Orders
(pages 130–132)

These include the junior divisions of adult fraternal and sororal organizations. Membership in some of them is restricted to relatives of adult group members.

Agriculture and Livestock Associations
(pages 132–135)

These organizations are youth branches of adult groups seeking to ensure the future quality of agricultural breeding stock. Most members are actively engaged in breeding and raising the livestock that are the focus of each group.

If You Can't Find What You're Looking For Under a Particular Heading . . .

See the Index on pages 199–207, which includes an alphabetical listing of all of the organizations and sponsoring bodies listed in this Directory.

Resources

We have also included a number of intermediary and specialized organizations that provide materials, services, and/or information of potential interest and usefulness to youth groups seeking to enrich their programs. When these resources relate to specific types of groups, they are found at the ends of those sections within the Directory. Other groups that provide more general services of potential interest to all youth-serving organizations are listed and described on pages 160–184. We have also cross-referenced several organizations that might have fit in more than one category.

Youth Work in Cyberspace

As more and more organizations "get on the Net," Web sites become a rich source of information about youth development, model programs, print materials, videos, intervention strategies, upcoming conferences, training opportunities, events, award programs, and much more. We have included descriptions of some of the networks and sites on the World Wide Web that provide resources related to youth work.

How to Read the Entries

Each individual entry contains several types of information. The sample entry on page 7 shows you what you can expect to find and where.

You'll notice that a few organization names are followed by an asterisk (*). In compiling this updated and expanded 1998–1999 edition, we attempted to contact every group listed to make sure that our information was both current and accurate. An asterisk indicates we were unable to contact the group directly, but have reason to believe the organization is still active and the information presented is current. We have provided the latest available information about such groups and have left them in the body of the Directory accompanied by the note, *Unable to obtain current information.* Groups for which no verification was possible have been removed.

Changed Status Organizations

Some organizations that were listed in the sixth edition of this Directory have changed their names. Others are now defunct or inactive, or could not be located. These changes are listed on pages 136–138.

Finally . . .

To remain vital, a youth organization requires the continuing dedication of adults; a steady flow of well-managed resources, both human and capital; and the development and support of creative programs regularly adjusted to meet the changing needs and interests of young members. This Directory is a tribute to the survivors and a welcome to new groups not included in the first six editions.

Within these many organizations lies great potential perhaps not fully recognized, and surely not fully realized. It is our hope that organization members and staffs will seek out one another to explore their mutual concerns and develop new avenues of collaboration and advocacy.

Sample entry

National Forensic League (1925)	Name of organization and year of founding
125 Watson Street	Address or P.O. Box Number
Ripon, WI 54971	City, state, ZIP code
James Copeland, Executive Secretary	Name and title of contact person
920/748-6206	Area code and telephone number (when available, the toll-free number, FAX number, email address, and Internet/Web site URL are also listed)
A high school honor society promoting debate, public speaking, and oral interpretation.	Description

A Special Note to Parents

Joining some youth organizations represents a potential commitment for most of childhood and adolescence; membership in others may be of relatively short duration. Because there are so many organizations, and the differences between them may be too subtle for a younger child to appreciate, your child may well need your help in deciding what to do.

Before you encourage your son or daughter to join a particular program, make sure that you understand the values and attitudes it promotes. Then help your youngster consider the program in light of his or her overall schedule of activities—including needed time for study and practice. Research has shown that parental involvement and support are important factors in a young person's tenure and success in an organization.

If your child seems reluctant to become involved in any organized activity, try to learn why. Is it because of lack of time or interest, or is it due to shyness or low self-esteem? You shouldn't force a shy or insecure child to join a group, no matter how attractive its activities may seem to you. But if you look hard enough, you should be able to find an organization that fits your child's interest and personality. Offer gentle encouragement. If appropriate, accompany him or her to the first few meetings. Show your loving support; it's worth it. While many children who are not "joiners" become successful and effective adults, evidence suggests that in our organization-oriented society, group experience in childhood and adolescence is beneficial. And if you really want to get involved, volunteer! See Volunteers: The Vital Ingredient on pages 152–153.

Why Children Join Youth Organizations

Younger children are motivated to join organizations mainly because they expect them to be "fun." Their concept of fun, however, encompasses more than entertainment; it extends to general feelings of comfort, satisfaction, and well-being. The initial push to join a group may come from your assurances or those of a friend, but if expectations are not met, the young person will not want to remain in the group. If this happens, you should take an active part in the dropout process as well, encouraging or discouraging according to your understanding of the circumstances.

Older children and adolescents may have many more in-school and out-of-school options available, and their motivations are likely to be more complex. Teenagers may join a group that focuses on a skill, career, or hobby interest or one that offers opportunity for growth in other ways. They may be attracted to some groups because membership will "look good" on college application forms.

Youths may drop out of one group because of peer pressure and join another for the same reason. When children reach junior high school, it becomes almost a rite of passage into the adolescent world to quit the youth programs they enjoyed in earlier years. In some schools, there is a great deal of pressure felt by youth who continue in groups dubbed "baby stuff" by their peers. Decisions about group membership—staying in an unpopular group, or refusing to join one that is popular—may be among the first important acts of independent judgment a young person makes. The process of choosing can contribute to overall growth and a sense of maturity.

At the high school level, in-school activities begin to take precedence over nonschool choices. A poll of Minnesota students suggested that this is so because in-school activities have the advantages of ease of access and familiarity and offer "highly desirable and visible benefits, such as prestige, status, and recognition." These young people identified two very different groups of peers whom they saw as most involved in out-of-school groups: those who were not successful in school organizations, and those who had outgrown the school activities and were looking for greater challenges. Nonschool organizations were felt to offer intangible and private benefits, such as meeting new people, learning new skills, and using time effectively.

This poll and other studies have pointed out that high school youth know little about the senior-level programs of nonschool organizations; many have never been invited to join them. You may want to help your teenager find out more about these. Several are listed in this Directory.

Young People with Disabilities

A final note: Just as young people with chronic illnesses and disabilities have moved into the mainstream of school life, they are increasingly taking part in out-of-school activities. When compiling this Directory, we asked organizations to tell us about special programs for young people with disabilities or ways that programs had been adapted to meet special needs. Many groups did so; others simply said that they did not feel that their usual programs presented any barriers that would limit participation. We have included information about special programs or adaptations that the organizations described.

DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

Hobby and Special Interest Groups, Academic Clubs, and Honor Societies

Most of these organizations are devoted to the pursuit of a single interest. Many of them meet in school under school sponsorship, while others are organized outside of school. A number of the groups—for example, the honor societies—may have programs that incorporate a broad range of activities.

American Checker Federation (1948)
P.O. Box 365
Petal, MS 39465
Charles Walker, Secretary
Carolyn Lucas, Youth Director
601/582-7090
FAX: 601/583-9761

The governing group for the mind sport of checkers in the United States. Youth ages 7–20 may play as Juniors, or may enter the adult division of any tournament as Associates. Publishes rules, trains referees, sanctions tournaments, and provides bylaws for ratings in world championships. Offers guidelines for starting school-based checkers programs; teams of American youth have played in Russia, Barbados, and England as guests of the host countries.

The American Girls Club (1996)
The Pleasant Company
8400 Fairway Place
Middleton, WI 53562
608/836-4848
URL: *www.americangirl.com*

The American Girls Club revolves around the lives and times of the six American Girls historical characters. Activities and projects bring history to life by illustrating how some things in their lives are very different from girls' lives today, and how other things haven't changed at all. A *Club Handbook*, six issues of *The American Girls News*, a membership card, and club hat get girls connected. The American Girls Web site includes additional activities.

American Mensa, Ltd. (1960)
201 Main Street, Suite 1101
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Mark Witter, Marketing Director
817/332-2600
FAX: 817/332-7299
Email: *AmericanMensa@compuserve.com*
URL: *www.us.mensa.org*

Mensa, known as the High IQ Society, is an international membership organization with more than 140 local groups throughout the United States. Though it is not primarily a youth organization, its local chapters are encouraged to develop special activities for young members and to maintain information about gifted education. To be eligible for membership, a person must score in the top two percent of the general population on a standardized intelligence test.

American Numismatic Association (1891)

818 N. Cascade Avenue
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
James Taylor, Education Director
Robert Hoge, Museum Curator
800/367-9723
FAX: 719/634-4085
Email: *ana@money.org*
(For education only: *anaedu@money.org*)
URL: *www.money.org*

Has a student membership category available to students up to the age of 22 who are interested in coins, paper money, medals, and tokens. Publishes *First Strike* for junior members twice yearly. Provides courses, scholarships, and other educational materials. Correspondence courses for high school students are available.

American Technology Honor Society (1995)

National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
Email: *aths@nassp.org*
URL: *www.nassp.org*

A program for students in secondary schools nationwide. ATHS seeks to develop and recognize students' technological literacy, including scholarship, commitment to service, leadership, and the creative and responsible use of technology. When a school establishes a local ATHS chapter, it affirms a commitment to prepare young people to be technologically competent individuals and creative, skilled leaders of tomorrow. Members receive a monthly periodical and other resources designed to enhance motivation, leadership development, service projects, and fundraising efforts.

American Yo-Yo Association (1994)

627 163rd Street S.
Spanaway, WA 98387
John Stangle, President
707/542-YOYO (9696)
Email: *yotopia@sonic.net*
URL: *AYYA.pd.net*

Provides a venue for players and collectors to come together and to engage in the promotion of yo-yo playing as an art form and a sport for both amateur and professional players. AYYA provides assistance to fellow yo-yo players and collectors; provides an accessible source of information about yo-yo people and events; conducts as many competitions as possible across the nation which establish uniform standards for running AYYA-sanctioned competitions for all levels of skill from the novice to the professional.

Bands of America, Inc. (1975)

526 Pratt Avenue N.
Schaumburg, IL 60196
Katie Freiburger, Public Relations Coordinator
800/848-BAND (800/848-2263)
847/891-2263
FAX: 847/891-1812
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URL: *www.bands.org*

A nonprofit educational organization that produces events for high school band programs. The annual calendar of events includes ten regional marching band competitions, the Grand National Championship, the Summer Band Symposium (the nation's largest high school summer music camp), and two additional mini-camps called BOA Express. Additional events include the National Concert Band Festival, a noncompetitive showcase event for high school symphonic band programs, and regional concert band festivals held in Texas and the Southeast.

Children's Express (1975)
Children's Express Foundation, Inc.
1440 New York Avenue NW, Suite 510
Washington, DC 20005
Eric Graham, President
202/737-7377
FAX: 202/737-0193
Email: *egraham@dc.ce.org*
URL: *www.ce.org*

A news service where news is reported by youth ages 13 and under who are trained and led by teen assistant editors (ages 14–18). Has seven news bureaus in the United States and overseas (New York; Washington, DC; Indianapolis, IN; Oakland, CA; Marquette, MI; and London and Newcastle, UK). Its weekly child-reported columns, "Children's Express" and "Teen Express," are syndicated to newspapers around the country. CE's third book, *Voices from the Future: Our Children Tell Us about Violence in America*, was released in paperback in 1996. Their print column was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize in 1982, and the TV series won Peabody and Emmy Awards for coverage of the 1988 political campaign. Their Web site was recently named one of the 50 great Web sites for kids by the American Library Association.

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Email: *coai@clown.org*
URL: *www.clown.org*

An organization for serious-minded amateurs, semiprofessionals, and professionals dedicated to the art of clowning. Persons age 16 or older may join as individuals; family members may be of any age. There are more than 250 local alleys nationwide. Publishes *The New Calliope* (bimonthly).

Drum Corps, International (1971)
P.O. Box 548
Lombard, IL 60148
Dan Acheson, Executive Director
800/641-7512
630/495-9866
FAX: 630/495-3792
Email: *dci@dci.org*
URL: *www.dci.org*

A federation of community youth drum and bugle corps that seeks to preserve operational and artistic standards, and to successfully operate musical events and competitions.

The Foundation for Teaching Economics (1975)
260 Russell Boulevard, Suite B
Davis, CA 95616
Steve Gerhart, Vice President for Program
Maylou Alquizalas, Program Director
800/FTE-4-EFL (800/383-4335)
916/757-4630
FAX: 916/757-4636
Email: *FTE4EFL@aol.com*
URL: *www.fte.org*

Conducts week-long summer programs, "Economics For Leaders," on university campuses around the country. Participants are high school students who demonstrate leadership potential and are between their junior and senior years of high school. The program consists of two components: morning classes taught by recognized scholars in the field of economics that show students the impact of economics on their daily lives, and experience-based afternoon sessions that focus on team problem-solving and group dynamics. Contact FTE for application information before the end of December prior to the summer you wish to participate.

Friends Forever PenPals (1989)
P.O. Box 20103
Park West Station
New York, NY 10025

This pen pal organization for young people ages 6–17 provides each member with five or more pen pals of the same age who share similar interests. Each member is given a "Great Idea Sheet." Conducts Friends Forever School PenPal Network for teachers, youth group leaders, childcare workers, and children's librarians. Enclose a self-addressed, stamped envelope (U.S. stamps only) when requesting information about current dues.

Gavel Club Program, Toastmasters International (1957)
P.O. Box 9052
Mission Viejo, CA 92690
Daniel Rex, Marketing Manager
714/858-8255
FAX: 714/858-1207
Email: *tminfo@toastmasters.org*

Fosters self-improvement through the study and practice of public speaking and parliamentary procedure. Encourages members to read and listen analytically and to communicate effectively.

International Thespian Society (1929)
3368 Central Parkway
Cincinnati, OH 45225
Ronald L. Longstreth, Executive Director
513/559-1996
FAX: 513/559-0012
Email: *info@etassoc.org*
URL: *www.etassoc.org*

Serves high school theater students and teachers, and seeks to increase students' personal skills and knowledge of theater arts by recognizing achievements and by offering educational resources. Sponsors state conferences and the annual International Thespian Festival, and publishes *Dramatics* (monthly) for drama students and teachers.

International Wizard of Oz Club, Inc. (1957)
220 N. Eleventh Street
Escanaba, MI 49829
Fred Meyer, Secretary

Not primarily a youth organization, but invites as members young people who are enthusiasts of the world created by L. Frank Baum. Sponsors an annual convention with special youth activities.

Junior Fire Marshal Program (1947)
Osterman API
P.O. Box 633
Maumee, OH 43537-0633
800/605-8545
FAX: 860/547-3799
URL: *www.thehartford.com*

A fire prevention and fire safety program sponsored by The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. The oldest public education program under corporate sponsorship. Conducted mainly in grades K–3, the program generally works in cooperation with local fire departments.

Junior Great Books (1962)
Great Books Foundation (1947)
35 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 2300
Chicago, IL 60601
800/222-5870
312/332-5870
FAX: 312/407-0334
Email: *jgb@gbf.mhs.compuserve.com*
URL: *www.greatbooks.org*

Uses a unique, open-ended discussion method coupled with outstanding literature to help children read for meaning and enjoyment. Junior Great Books literature is published in anthologies of 12 stories each and is available for kindergarten through high school. To find out how to start or join a local program, request the name of the program coordinator for your state.

Junior Philatelists of America (1963)

P.O. Box 850
Boalsburg, PA 16827
Eleanor C. Chapman, Executive Secretary
Email: *jpaellie@aol.com*
URL: *www.jpastamps.org*

Helps young stamp collectors (ages 18 and younger) learn about the hobby and maintain a solid background in and knowledge of postage stamps. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope with requests.

Magical Youths International (1955)

61551 Bremen Highway
Mishawaka, IN 46544
Steve Kelley, Advisor
219/255-4747
FAX: 219/255-6817

Primarily a correspondence organization for teens and young adults interested in magic, but there are chapters in major cities. Publishes *Top Hat* (quarterly).

Middle Level Student Activities Association (1996)

National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
Email: *MLSAA@nassp.org*
URL: *www.nassp.org*

The Middle Level Student Activities Association (MLSAA) promotes inclusive, age-appropriate student activities by providing training and support for the Middle Level school community (middle schools, intermediate schools, junior high schools, or equivalent grades in multi-level schools). MLSAA was founded on the premise that the needs of middle-level students differ from those of high school students and that middle-level students and advisors should be afforded training opportunities and resources that deal with those needs. Affiliated schools receive all the benefits of the Department of Student Activities of NASSP, as well as publications designed specifically for the middle level.

National Beta Club (1934)
Junior Beta Club (1961)

151 W. Lee Street
Spartanburg, SC 29306-3012
Dr. George W. Lockamy, Executive Director (CEO)
800/845-8281
FAX: 864/542-9300
Email: *betaclub@betaclub.org*
URL: *www.betaclub.org*

An academic, leadership, and service organization for students (grades 5–12) who demonstrate outstanding character. Members are chosen by local chapters in elementary, middle, junior high, and high schools.

National Forensic League (1925)

125 Watson Street
Ripon, WI 54971
James Copeland, Executive Secretary
920/748-6206
FAX: 920/748-9478
Email: *nfl@mail.wiscnet.net*

A high school honor society promoting debate, public speaking, and oral interpretation. Sponsors the National Speech Tournament.

National Honor Society (1921)
National Junior Honor Society (1929)

National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
Rocco M. Marano, Director, Student Activities Department
David Cordts, Associate Director
Mary Jo Patterson, Assistant Programs Administrator
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
Email: *nhs@nassp.org*
URL: *www.nassp.org*

For students who excel in scholarship, leadership, character, and service. Members are chosen by local chapters. They provide service to their schools and communities, including conducting peer tutoring programs, volunteering at homeless shelters, and raising funds for charitable causes.

National Junior Classical League (1936)

Miami University
Oxford, OH 45056
Geri Dutra, Administrative Secretary
513/529-7741
FAX: 513/529-7742
Email: *AmericanClassicalLeague@muohio.edu*

For high school students studying Latin. Promotes interest in classical cultures of Greece and Rome.

National Junior Horticultural Association (1935)

1424 N. Eighth Street
Durant, OK 74701
Joe Maxson, Executive Secretary
405/924-0771

An educational program for young people interested in horticulture. Sponsors projects and contests. No membership dues.

North American Association of Ventriloquists (1940)

P.O. Box 420
Littleton, CO 80160
Clinton Detweiler, President
303/798-6830
FAX: 303/798-3160

Not primarily a youth organization, but welcomes young people as members. Seeks to assist and encourage individuals interested in the art of ventriloquism. Serves as a clearinghouse for conference and product information, and helps solve technical problems.

Omega Gamma Delta (1902)

89 Longview Road
Port Washington, NY 11050
Robert S. Tarleton, Secretary
516/883-2897
FAX: 516/883-7460

A high school social fraternity for young men. Encourages leadership qualities and community service among members.

Quill and Scroll Society (1926)

School of Journalism and Mass Communication
University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA 52242
Richard P. Johns, Executive Director
319/335-5795
FAX: 319/335-5210
Email: *quill-scroll@uiowa.edu*
URL: *www.uiowa.edu/~quill-sc*

An international honorary society of high school journalism students. Members are selected by their schools. Sponsors writing and photo contests for high school journalists (deadline: February 5, annually); also sponsors a Yearbook Excellence Contest (deadline: November 1, annually). Gives scholarships.

The Society of American Magicians Youth Program (1983)

7101 Buick Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46214
Margaret Dailey, National Director
317/243-0774
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
Email: *symdir@aol.com*

Helps young people ages 7–13 learn the art of magic and performance skills. Seeks to use magic as a self-confidence builder.

Stampers™ (1996)

United States Postal Service
8300 NE Underground Drive
Pillar 210
Kansas City, MO 64144-0001
888/STAMPFUN (888/782-6738)
FAX: 816/545-1212

With Bugs Bunny as spokesrabbit, Stampers™ promotes philately (stamp-collecting) as a hobby. School-age young people may sign up as individuals or in groups. Classroom materials are available to teachers. Members receive *Stampers™ Cool-lectibles*, a free magazine that tells stories of current stamp issues and encourages philatelic sales through games, puzzles, and other activities.

Teen Association of Model Railroaders (1964)

c/o John Reichel
288 Whitmore Street, #201
Oakland, CA 94611
Email: *TAMRinfo@aol.com*
URL: *www.getnet.com/~dickg/nmra/sigs/TAMR/TAMR.html*

For youth ages 10–21, this organization promotes building and operating model railroads.

Tri-M Music Honor Society (1936)

1806 Robert Fulton Drive
Reston, VA 20191-4348
Dan Ratner, Student Programs Manager
800/336-3768
703/860-4000
FAX: 703/860-1531
Email: *Danratner@aol.com*
URL: *www.menc.org*

A program of the Music Educators National Conference, Tri-M is the international music honor society for secondary school students. Emphasizes service through music and was founded by Alexander M. and Frances M. Harley as the Modern Music Masters.

United States Chess Federation (1939)

3054 NYS Route 9W
New Windsor, NY 12553
Barbara A. DeMaro, Executive Assistant
800/388-KING (800/388-5464)
914/562-8350
FAX: 914/561-2437
Email: *execassist_uscf@juno.com*
URL: *www.uschess.org*

More than 35,000 young people of all ages, races, and educational and economic backgrounds nationwide enjoy the benefits of membership in this organization. They receive information on tournament competitions, a magazine subscription, and the chance to earn a national rating by which to measure their progress. Scholastic memberships are available to all individuals younger than age 20; they receive *School Mates*, a bimonthly magazine of interest to young and beginning players.

Usona Esperantista Junularo (1992)
U.S. Esperantist Youth
P.O. Box 1129
El Cerrito, CA 94530
Daniel Cuthbert, President
800/ESPERANTO (800/377-3726)
410/467-1371
Email: *usej@esperanto.org*
URL: *esperanto.org/us/USEJ/welcome.html*

For young people through age 30 who are speakers or supporters of the international language, Esperanto. Hosts conferences, exchanges ideas, organizes projects with foreign youth organizations, coordinates youth hosting program, "Pasporta Servo," in the U.S., and publishes *KTP!* (a seasonal newsletter).

Young Audiences, Inc. (1952)
115 E. 92nd Street
New York, NY 10128
Richard Bell, Executive Director
212/831-8110
FAX: 212/289-1202
Email: *YA4KIDS@aol.com*

A national arts education organization that reaches nearly 6,000,000 students in elementary and secondary schools throughout the United States each year. Chapters offer a variety of collaborative arts programs—such as ArtsCard, the Family Festival of the Arts, the Master Artist Series, and Arts partners—that reach children and their families with performing and visual arts programs in parks, recreation centers, libraries, gardens, and shopping centers. Programs designed for young people with special needs vary from chapter to chapter. A directory of chapters is available.

Young D.C. (1991)
P.O. Box 65057
Washington, DC 20035-5057
Kathy Mannix, Director
202/429-5292
FAX: 202/429-9423

Young D.C. is a newspaper created by and for teens in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region. It maintains a newsroom where teens from diverse backgrounds work together to explore topics of relevance to their lives; provides an open forum for young writers to present viewpoints seldom aired in other media; and gives teen illustrators, photographers, and cartoonists opportunities to refine and publish their work. Young staff members are helped to develop good workplace skills, high journalistic standards, and savvy as media consumers. They are encouraged to pursue scholarships, internships, and career opportunities in the journalism field.

Career Education and Vocational Student Groups

American Cadet Alliance, Inc. (1960)
National Headquarters
P.O. Box 144
Sea Girt, NJ 08750-0144
Lt. Col. C. R. Tornow, Executive Director
908/840-4500
FAX: 908/458-1075
Email: *ACAHQ@aol.com*
URL: *www.marinecadets.org*

A program for youth ages 10–18 who are interested in the Armed Forces. Cadets receive instruction in military history, customs and courtesies, and high-adventure activities such as orienteering; map, compass, and land navigation; mountain climbing and rappelling; and scuba diving.

Combats juvenile delinquency, in part, through the promotion of the military arts and sciences, character and physical development, education in and allegiance to the Constitution of the United States, and perpetuation of American democratic institutions.

Business and Professional Women/USA (1919)
2012 Massachusetts Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036
Gail Schaeffer, Executive Director
Vivian Dandrich Charles, Member Services Manager
202/293-1100
FAX: 202/861-0298
URL: *www.BPWUSA.org*

BPW/USA created the Young Careerist Program in 1964 to recognize the accomplishments of young successful working people while introducing them to the ideals and mission of BPW. Members have the opportunity to meet and network with young women (and men) in the early stages of their careers to learn about the problems, rewards, and changing roles for young people in today's business and professional world.

Business Professionals of America (1966)
5454 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus, OH 43231
Gary L. Hannah, President and CEO
614/895-7277
FAX: 614/895-1165
Email: *BPA@ix.netcom.com*
URL: *www.bpa.org/bpa.html*

Contributes to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technical skills among learners of all ages, from middle schools to secondary and postsecondary schools. Acts as a cohesive agent in the worldwide networking of education, business, and industry. Offers technological competitive event programs to business and office education students. An awards program is designed to provide recognition for chapters and individuals.

Civil Air Patrol (1941)
National Headquarters
Building 714
105 S. Hansell Street
Maxwell Air Force Base, AL 36112-6332
334/953-5463
FAX: 334/953-4245
URL: *www.cap.af.mil*

In this civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, cadets (grade school through college) receive training in air search and rescue work, and aerospace education and aviation. If the Billy Mitchell Award is earned, a cadet may join the military at an E-2 rank.

DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) (1946)
1908 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
Dr. Ed Davis, Executive Director
Cheryl Masella, Director of Administration
703/860-5000
FAX: 703/860-4013
URL: *www.DECA.org*

An association of students focused on careers in marketing, merchandising, and entrepreneurship. Includes 160,000 members in high school and postsecondary (Delta Epsilon Chi) divisions. Also offers alumni and professional divisions. The organization is celebrating 52 years of "Education That Works" (1946–1998). A marketing education program with DECA can qualify as a "School-to-Work" program.

Exploring Division
Boy Scouts of America (1910)

1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
Donald McChesney, National Exploring Director
972/580-2000
FAX: 972/580-2141
URL: *www.bsa.scouting.org*

An action-oriented program for young men and women ages 14 (or who have completed eighth grade) through age 20. Posts are organized around a career, avocation, or recreation interest. Members get hands-on experience with the "tools of the trade" under the guidance of professionals and mentors.

Future Business Leaders of America (1942)

1912 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
Jean M. Buckley, President and CEO
703/860-3334
FAX: 703/758-0749
Email: *general@fbla.org*
URL: *www.fbla-pbl.org*

A nonprofit educational organization of middle level and secondary school student members preparing for careers in business and business-related fields. In postsecondary schools and colleges, this organization is known as Phi Beta Lambda.

Future Homemakers of America (1945)

1910 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
Alan T. Rains Jr., Executive Director
703/476-4900
FAX: 703/860-2713
Email: *natlhdqtrs@fhahero.org*
URL: *www.fhahero.org*

A dynamic national student organization that helps young men and women become leaders and address important personal, family, work, and societal issues through family and consumer sciences education.

Future Secretaries Association® (early 1980s)

Professional Secretaries International®
The Association for Office Professionals™ (1942)
10502 NW Ambassador Drive
P.O. Box 20404
Kansas City, MO 64195-0404
Susan Fenner, Ph.D., Education and Professional Development
816/891-6600
FAX: 816/891-9118
Email: *sfenner@psi.org*
URL: *www.gvi.net/psi*

Promotes preparation for office careers through student organizations with school chapters, a newsletter, an annual conference, and other professional activities. Also conducts Collegiate Secretaries International℠.

Jobs for America's Graduates (1970)

1729 King Street, Suite 200
Alexandria, VA 22314
Adrienne Smith, Vice President
703/684-9479
FAX: 703/684-9489
Email: *ars@imd-net.com*
URL: *www.jag.org*

This school-to-work transition program includes a dropout prevention component for nonseniors and a school-to-work component for seniors. Currently, 42,000 at-risk and disadvantaged youth are participating in 750 high schools in 29 states. Training and technical assistance are provided to states that agree to carry out the program and commit to a set of performance standards. JAG is testing an out-of-school program for young people who have already dropped out of school. There is also a program in the United Kingdom serving 1,200 students.

Sponsors **Career Association,** a student-run organization for young people in affiliated school districts.

Junior Achievement Inc. (1919)
One Education Way
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
719/540-8000
FAX: 719/540-6119
URL: *www.ja.org*

Brings businesspeople into classrooms across the United States to educate and inspire young people to value free enterprise, business, and economics. More than three million students are involved in these economics-education programs annually.

National FFA Organization (1928)
National FFA Center
5632 Mount Vernon Highway
P.O. Box 15160
Alexandria, VA 22309-0160
Larry D. Case, National Advisor
703/360-3600
FAX: 703/360-5524
Email: *webmaster@ffa.org*
URL: *www.ffa.org*

An organization for secondary and post-secondary school students who are or have been enrolled in agriculture, agribusiness, agriscience, horticulture, or natural resources programs. Formerly known as Future Farmers of America.

National Student Nurses Association (1952)
555 W. 57th Street, Suite 1327
New York, NY 10019
Dr. Diane J. Mancino, Executive Director
212/581-2211
FAX: 212/581-2368
Email: *NSNA@NSNA.org*
URL: *www.NSNA.org*

Promotes interest in nursing careers. Membership is drawn from among students already enrolled in nursing and pre-nursing programs in state-approved schools.

Naval Sea Cadet Corps (1962)
Naval Sea Cadet Corps Headquarters
2300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201
Captain Michael D. Ford, Executive Director
703/243-6910
FAX: 703/243-3985
Email: *NSCCHQ@EROLS.com*
URL: *www.seacadets.org/*

A nautically oriented training program for youth ages 11–18. Provides instruction and practical experience in seamanship, and instills the attributes of leadership and good citizenship. Sponsored by the Navy League of the United States, and supported by the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard.

NEA Student Program (1937)
National Education Association (1857)
1201 16th Street NW, Suite 410
Washington, DC 20036
Malcolm B. Staples, Student Program Coordinator
202/822-7123
FAX: 202/822-7624
Email: *mstaples@nea.org*

The NEA Student Program is active on college and university campuses across the country. NEA no longer directly sponsors **Future Educators of America** programs for high school students, but provides materials on organizing groups to state and local education associations and interested student groups. Offers a wide range of publications, primarily for educators, but many of the materials would be of interest to youth groups, including those that encourage minorities to enter the teaching profession.

Safe Sitter (1980)
1500 N. Ritter Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46219
Jan Petty, Executive Director
800/255-4089
317/355-4888
FAX: 317/355-3917
Email: *safesitter@inetdirect.net*
URL: *www.safesitter.org*

A medically oriented instructional program designed for youth ages 11–13 that provides teens with improved child-care skills for their baby-sitting charges and is intended to reduce the number of accidental and preventable deaths among children. The curriculum covers medical emergencies, including rescue breathing, responsibilities and ethics of safe babysitting, age-appropriate entertainment, and the basics of starting a business.

Trained and certified adult instructors help young people through a 13-hour training course. Students must demonstrate rescue breathing and care of a choking child, and pass a written exam. Begun in Indiana, the Safe Sitter program is being made available through hospitals and other organizations nationwide.

Technology Student Association (1978)
1914 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191-1540
Rosanne White, Executive Director
703/860-9000
FAX: 703/758-4852
URL: *www.tsawww.org/*

For middle school and high school students who are or have been enrolled in technology education courses. TSA fosters exploration of problem solving and critical thinking through a number of technology-centered competitive events. Members have opportunities to develop leadership skills, work as team members, contribute to a national service project, receive recognition, and to compete on state and national levels.

VICA/Vocational Industrial Clubs of America (1965)
P.O. Box 3000
Leesburg, VA 20177
Stephen Denby, Executive Director
703/777-8810
FAX: 703/777-8999
Email: *anyinfo@vica.org*
URL: *www.vica.org*

For high school, community college, and postsecondary institution students interested in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupations.

WAVE, Inc. (1969)
501 School Street SW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20024
Larry Brown, President
202/484-0103
FAX: 202/488-7595
Email: *WAVE4KIDS@aol.com*

WAVE (Work, Achievement, Values, and Education) was created to provide educational opportunities, training services, and motivational activities for young people facing barriers to success. WAVE works in partnership with communities and schools to implement dropout prevention programs and bring young people who have dropped out back to school. Operates in more than 200 locations in communities, schools, and workplaces, and holds an annual WAVE Professional Development Institute.

Young Marines of the Marine Corps League, Inc. (1964)
Young Marine Headquarters
P.O. Box 70735
Southwest Station
Washington, DC 20024
Jim Parker, National Director
800/717-0060
202/889-8745
FAX: 202/889-0502
Email: *ym nathq@aol.com*

A character-building and physical fitness program for youth ages 8–18. Stresses honesty, fairness, courage, respect, loyalty, dependability, attention to duty, love of God, a drug-free lifestyle, and fidelity to the United States and its institutions. Sponsors outdoor encampments; youth must complete Recruit Training before acceptance in a regular platoon.

See also:

The Student Conservation Association, Inc., page 110.

Resources

National Youth Employment Coalition (1979)
1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 728
Washington, DC 20036
Alan Zuckerman, Executive Director
202/659-1064
FAX: 202/775-9733
Email: *NYECAZ@aol.com*

A coalition of agencies with a common interest in increasing employment, education, and training opportunities for youth, especially those who are disadvantaged. Seeks to improve public understanding of and support for youth employment programs and initiatives, monitors and analyzes the impact of current and planned policy on the development of a comprehensive approach to youth employment, and serves as a clearinghouse of information and as a catalyst for cooperative ventures among Coalition members, voluntary organizations, the education system, and the private sector. A monthly newsletter is distributed to members and subscribers.

Navy Recruiting Command
Navy Awareness Department (Code 50)
801 N. Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1991
Youth Programs Manager
703/696-4889 *or* 703/696-4891
FAX: 703/696-6430
Email: *511-at-cnrc@fmso.navy.mil*
URL: *www.navyjobs.com*

The U.S. Navy provides a range of services and program assistance to youth groups. For information, contact the Public Affairs Officer at your local Navy Recruiting District or the Youth Programs Manager at the above address.

See also:

Science, Math, and Technology Organizations, pages 23–30.

Science, Math, and Technology Organizations

Academy of Model Aeronautics (1936)
5151 E. Memorial Drive
Muncie, IN 47302
Education Coordinator
765/287-1256
FAX: 765/289-4248
URL: *www.modelaircraft.org*

Currently celebrating its 62nd anniversary, AMA promotes model aviation education through a wide variety of activities and programs. Provides insurance and a magazine, *Model Aviation*, to its members. Sponsors contests, including a national competition that involves more than 1,000 contestants at its 1,100-acre flying site. In partnership with the Experimental Aircraft Association, AMA conducts youth aeromodeling academies, and in conjunction with the Indiana Academy at Ball

State University, provides live distance learning programs. Chartered clubs may receive up to $1,000 in Youth Educational Stipends for recruiting and introducing new members to model aviation. AMA also conducts an annual college scholarship program. People younger than age 19 join as youth members. Low-cost materials published by the academy teach many academic disciplines and are used widely by schools and organizations.

American Junior Academy of Science (1930s)

c/o Southern California Academy
of Sciences
900 Exposition Boulevard
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Gloria Takahashi, Director
213/744-3384
626/333-2173
FAX: 626/333-2173 (press *51 after tone)
Email: *gtakahashi@cerritos.edu*

Encourages students to conduct scientific investigations and prepare written and oral presentations of their findings. Junior Academies must be organized through state-level affiliates of the National Association of Academies of Science, which sponsors the American Junior Academy at the national annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Girl Tech (1995)

KidActive, LLC
851 Irwin Street, Suite 100
San Rafael, CA 94901
Director of Public Relations
415/256-1510
FAX: 415/256-1515
Email: *girltech@girltech.com*
URL: *www.girltech.com*

Club Girl Tech is an award-winning online club devoted to raising girls' self-esteem, to encouraging them to adventure into nontraditional areas of life, and to developing communication and a sense of community among girls. With more than 250 pages of educational and entertaining content, Club Girl Tech is a premiere site for girls ages 8–12 on the Internet. The site hosts the Girl Powered Search engine that allows girls to find safe, fun Internet sites without having to sift through adult material. The site includes an advice column, weekly diary, math and word games, science experiments, inventions, sports, and information about women role models. There is also a teachers' area and a forum to facilitate communication between boys and girls.

INVENT AMERICA!

P.O. Box 26065
Alexandria, VA 22313
703/684-1836
URL: *www.ed-pak.com*

A national, nonprofit elementary school education program and student invention contest designed to "bring bright ideas out of young minds." Children learn math, science, literacy, and analytical thinking skills through creating their own inventions to solve everyday problems. More than 30,000 elementary schools have participated in the program. A national INVENT AMERICA! student invention contest is held each year with up to $1,000 in savings bonds presented to winning students at each grade level, K–8. *Unable to obtain current information.*

JETS, Inc. (1950)

1420 King Street, Suite 405
Alexandria, VA 22314-2794
Michael Peralla, Executive Director
703/548-5387
FAX: 703/548-0769
Email: *jets@nae.edu*
URL: *www.asee.org/jets*

JETS (the Junior Engineering Technical Society) is a national educational society emphasizing the understanding of engineering and technology, and competence in mathematics and science for high school students. Coordinates pre-college engineering career guidance efforts for the profession. Initiatives include the National Engineering Aptitude Search (NEAS); the annual Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science (TEAMS) competition; and the annual National Engineering Design Challenge (NEDC) competition. Publishes *JETS Report* newsletter.

Mu Alpha Theta (1957)
Department of Mathematics
University of Oklahoma
601 Elm Avenue, Room 423
Norman, OK 73109-0315
Stanley B. Eliason, Secretary-Treasurer
405/325-4489
FAX: 405/325-7184
Email: *Matheta@ou.edu*

A high school and junior college honorary society sponsored by the Mathematical Association of America. To be eligible, students must have completed two years of college preparatory mathematics and be enrolled in a third-year program, with no grade lower than a B.

National Gardening Association (1972)
180 Flynn Avenue
Burlington, VT 05401
Eve Pranis, Associate Director of Education
David Els, Executive Director
802/863-1308
FAX: 802/863-5962
Email: *evep@garden.org*
URL: *www.garden.org*

Dedicated to helping people become successful gardeners. NGA publishes the *Guide to Kids' Gardening*, the *Growing Ideas* teachers' newsletter, and other resources for K–8 teachers to help students learn about their world through active plant- and garden-based investigating. The Youth Garden Grants program annually awards 300 school and community groups with $500 worth of gardening tools, seeds, and educational materials.

Odyssey of the Mind (1978)
OM Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 547
Glassboro, NJ 08028-0547
Robert Purifico, Executive Director
Janet Vincz D'Alessandro, Linda Foster, Assistant Directors
609/881-1603
FAX: 609/881-3596
URL: *www.odyssey.org*

An educational program that fosters the development of lifeskills, creative thinking, and problem solving among students in grades kindergarten through high school. Under the guidance of a coach, five to seven students work together to solve an OM "long-term problem" and practice solving "spontaneous problems" in preparation for competition. Regional, state, and international competitions allow students to showcase their solutions. Creativity, team building, and problem solving are an integral part of the OM program; children also develop cooperation skills, self-respect, and the appreciation and understanding of others.

The Planetary Society (1980)
65 N. Catalina Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91106
Bruce Murray, President
Dr. Louis Friedman, Executive Director
626/793-5100
FAX: 626/793-5528
Email: *tps@genie.geis.com*
URL: *www.planetary.org*

The Planetary Society formed to focus the energies and resources of people everywhere who want the age of planetary exploration to continue and want their voices and opinions heard. Fosters excellence in science among students and involves them in a deeper understanding of the ramifications of planetary exploration. Sponsors student contests and offers scholarships for students interested in planetary-related science.

Society of Physics Students (1968)
One Physics Ellipse
College Park, MD 20740
Dr. Dwight Neuenschwander, Director for Education
301/209-3100
FAX: 301/209-0839
Email: *sps@aip.org*
URL: *www.aip.org*

SPS is a professional society primarily for undergraduate students that promotes the scientific and professional development of students and promotes the study of physics. No high school chapters exist at present, but membership is open to high school students individually, or through one of the college chapters. Sponsors Sigma Pi Sigma, an honor society for those who excel in physics, and publishes *WonderScience*, which features out-of-school activities for young people in grades 4–8 to do with an adult partner. Also publishes *PEN* (Physics Education Newsletter), an online resource for physics teachers and professors.

Students for the Exploration and Development of Space (1980)
MIT Room W20-445
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139
Robert Pearlman, Chair
888/321-SEDS (888/321-7337)
Email: *info@seds.org*
URL: *www.seds.org*

An international organization of high school and university students interested in promoting the exploration and development of space. Several university chapters are currently working on building their own satellites. High school students are invited to participate through these local chapters. Chapters also sponsor speakers, conduct astronomy demonstrations, and give presentations to groups and schools in their local areas.

Students Watching Over Our Planet Earth (1989)
Route 6, Box 211
Fairmont, WV 26554
Terry Kerns, Director
304/363-4309
FAX: 304/363-4309
Email: *Kanawha@aol.com*

SWOOPE (Students Watching Over Our Planet Earth) is a cooperative effort to provide students with hands-on activities designed to increase their scientific and environmental knowledge. It brings together corporate and individual sponsors who share an interest in education and environmental issues, with educators who are willing to invest their time, energy, and talents to enhance scientific education. Projects include studies of acid rain, stream pH, bird and Monarch butterfly migration, acid mine drainage, and winter bird counts. All projects involve electronic newsletters, background materials, protocols, and final reports. Interested teachers should use the email address to request information.

U.S. SPACE CAMP®
U.S. SPACE ACADEMY® (1982)
AVIATION CHALLENGE®
U.S. Space & Rocket Center
P.O. Box 070015
Huntsville, AL 35807-7015
Thad Mauldin, Executive Director
Reservations/General Information
800/63-SPACE (800/637-7223)
FAX: 205/837-6137
Email: *resv@spacecamp.com*
URL: *www.spacecamp.com*

SPACE CAMP® provides young people in grades 4–7 (Titusville, Florida, location) or grades 4–6 (Alabama location) with hands-on activities in rocket building, simulated weightlessness, space suits, computers, and simulated shuttle missions. SPACE ACADEMY®, for middle school students, focuses on preparations for a pair of simulated missions. ADVANCED SPACE

ACADEMY® is a college-accredited program for high school students that emphasizes careers in technology, engineering, and aerospace. AVIATION CHALLENGE®, for students in grades 4–12, features fighter-pilot-style training, including water and land survival, an emphasis on aviation careers, and optional flight time in a single-engine or combat-type plane.

Young Astronaut Program (1984)
1308 19th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Jennifer John, Director of Membership
202/682-1984
FAX: 202/775-1773
Email: *yac1@aol.com*
URL: *www.yac.org*

Ignites enthusiasm for scientific inquiry among preschool, elementary, and junior high school students and their teachers, and promotes the study of mathematics, science, and technology. Includes four program levels: Youngest Astronauts (ages 3–5), Trainee (grades K–3), Pilot (grades 4–6), and Commander (grades 7–9). Students, teachers, schools, youth groups, and community organizations can form chapters. Space School is a live, interactive cable television course for grades 4–6, available to school districts throughout the United States (activity guides included).

Young Entomologists Society, Inc. (1965)
International Headquarters
1915 Peggy Place
Lansing, MI 48910-2553
Gary Dunn, M.S., F.R.E.S., Director of Education
517/887-0499
FAX: 517/887-0499
Email: *YESbugs@aol.com*
URL: *www.tesser.com/minibeast* or *www.insects.ummz.lsa.umich.edu/yes/yes.html*

Promotes interest in the science of entomology (the study of insects) among youth and adult amateurs. Publishes *Y.E.S. Quarterly* (a member-written journal), *Insect World*, *YES News Bulletin*, *Insect Study Sourcebook*, *Insect Identification Study Guide*, *Project B.U.G.S.*, and *Caring for Insect Livestock*. A catalog of educational materials is available; touring minibeast zoo and science programs also are available.

Resources

American Association for the Advancement of Science (1848)
Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs
1200 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
Dr. Shirley Malcolm, Head
Steven Grant, Marketing and Communications Manager
800/351-7542
202/326-6670
FAX: 202/371-9849
URL: *www.aaas.org*

Science Linkages in the Community
AAAS/SLIC Institute
1200 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20005
Steven Grant, Marketing and Communications Manager
202/326-6681
FAX: 202/371-9849
URL: *www.aaas.org/SLIC*

Project 2061
1333 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
Karen Noel, Publications Assistant
202/326-6666
FAX: 202/842-5196
Email: *project2061@aaas.org*
URL: *www.aaas.org/project2061* or *project2061.aaas.org/*

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AAAS has 300 societies and academies as affiliates, including the Junior Academy of Science (see page 24), and offers extensive materials and programs for school-based science and technology education. Publications of particular interest to youth organizations include *Science Education News*, and *Science Books and Films*. A publications list is available. Extensive materials are online (some available to AAAS members only). Conducts the **Kinetic City Cyber Club** on radio and online *(www.kineticcity.com)* that invites kids (who must first obtain "security clearance") along for online adventures in science.

The Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs also offers a variety of programs and publications to enhance the status and accelerate the advancement of persons with disabilities, women, and minorities in science and engineering professions.

The AAAS **Science Linkages in the Community** program joins community-based advocacy and youth-serving organizations with scientists and engineers, as individuals and through their associations, to implement improved mathematics, science, and technology education, through both in-school and out-of-school programs.

Project 2061 is a long-term effort to reform science education in grades K–12 through creating a coordinated set of tools to help educators meet goals for what all high school graduates should know and be able to do in science, mathematics, and technology outlined in the report: *Science for All Americans*. Publishes *2061 Today* (print) and *Blueprints for Reform* (online). Check out their Web sites for more information about this project.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society (1977)

5661 Airport Boulevard
Boulder, CO 80301-2339
Norbert S. Hill Jr. (Oneida)
Executive Director
303/939-0023
FAX: 303/939-8150
Email: *aiseshq@spot.colorado.edu*

Provides Native American youth with the opportunity to enter the world of science, while preserving their rich cultural heritage. Seeks to help them meet the challenge of technological change, enable them to pursue careers outside of traditional Native American life, and return to share that education with their people. Local AISES Junior/Senior High School Clubs/Chapters assist teachers with science, promote Science Fairs, and help students develop as a group. Scholarship aid is available.

Center for Science in the Public Interest (1971)

1875 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20009-5728
Michael F. Jacobson, Ph.D., Executive Director
202/332-9110
FAX: 202/265-4954
Email: *cspi@cspinet.org*
URL: *www.cspinet.org*

CSPI is a nonprofit education and advocacy organization that focuses on improving the safety and nutritional quality of our food supply and on reducing the destruction caused by alcoholic beverages. CSPI seeks to promote health through educating the public about nutrition and alcohol; it represents citizens' interests before legislative, regulatory, and judicial bodies and works to ensure that advances in science are used for the public good.

CSPI is supported by more than one million member-subscribers to its *Nutrition Action Newsletter* and through sales of educational materials, as well as foundation grants. Contact for more information about resources available.

Lawrence Hall of Science (1969)
University of California at Berkeley
Centennial Drive
Berkeley, CA 94720
Barbara Ando, Director of Public Programs
510/642-5132
FAX: 510/642-1055
Email: *lhsinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu*
URL: *www.lhs.berkeley.edu*

A public science center offering public programs on-site and publications of science and mathematics activities for distribution nationally and internationally. Also a center for teacher education and curriculum development in science and mathematics education. Its curricula and activities are used in schools, youth recreation groups, Scout groups, and camps all over the world. Catalogs of materials are available.

Administers **Family Math**, a professional outreach program that supplements the school curriculum by providing ways for parents and other adults to become involved in their children's mathematics education. Family Math courses and two-day workshops teach adults how to use materials and activities to help children develop problem-solving skills and mathematics communication skills.

National Geographic Society (1888)
Educational Services
1145 17th Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
202/857-7378
FAX: 202/429-5770
URL: *www.nationalgeographic.com*

Carries extensive youth-oriented print and audiovisual materials, created primarily for classroom use, that reflect the diversity of the Society's interests. A catalog is available (800/368-2728). Conducts an annual **National Geography Bee** involving 6,000,000 students in 20,000 schools; finalists compete for college scholarships.

National Science Teachers Association (1895)
1840 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22201-3000
Eric Crossley, Program Manager
Marilyn DeWall, Associate Executive Director, Student Award Programs
Wendell Mohling, Space Science and Technology Programs
703/243-7100
FAX: 703/522-6193
Email: *ecrossley@nsta.org*
URL: *www.nsta.org-programs*

A professional association of science educators, administering a wide variety of award programs for teachers and students that provide personal and school recognition for achievement in science. Student award programs include the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition for science students in grades 7–12; Space Science Student Involvement Program for U.S. students in grades 3–12; the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards Program for U.S. and Canadian students in grades K–12; and the Craftsman/Young Inventors Awards Program for students in grades 4–6.

Navy Recruiting Command
Navy Awareness Department (Code 50)
801 N. Randolph Street
Arlington, VA 22203-1991
Youth Programs Manager
703/696-4889 *or* 703/696-4891
FAX: 703/696-6430
Email: *511-at-cnrc@fmso.navy.mil*
URL: *www.navyjobs.com*

The Math and Science START NOW! program shows students the relevance of mathematics and science courses to a variety of challenging fields, including computers, photography, electronics, medicine, engineering, and robotics. Encourages students to enroll in mathematics and science courses to prepare for higher education and careers in today's technology-oriented society. Call your nearest Naval Recruiting office to arrange for a Navy representative to visit a school or youth organization. For more help, contact the youth programs headquarters at the above address.

Science Service
1719 N Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
Thomas Peter Bennett, President
202/785-2255
FAX: 202/785-1243
Email: *youth@sciserv.org*
URL: *www.sciserv.org*

Administers the Westinghouse Science Talent Search (STS) and the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (Intel ISEF). The STS is an annual scholarship competition for high school seniors, conducted in partnership with Westinghouse Electric Corporation. Students must submit a report of an independent research project in science, mathematics, or engineering, along with available standardized test scores, a transcript, and an entry form (entry deadline is late November); call or write to Science Service for the annual deadline and Official Rules and Entry Form Booklet. The Intel ISEF is a competition for students in grades 9-12. To participate, students must be named individual or team project finalists at an Intel ISEF-affiliated fair. Write or call for details about the fair in your area.

Science Service also publishes a weekly magazine called *Science News* (write or call for subscription information).

See also:

World Future Society, pages 182-183;
National Energy Foundation, page 109;
National Wildlife Federation, page 109;
Girls Incorporated, page 79.

Sports Organizations

Following the Civil War, interest in playing sports and in watching them being played developed rapidly among Americans of all ages. Professional and college leagues appeared around the turn of the century, followed closely by organized play in high school and community-based recreation programs. Much of the play among youngsters was very informal, with equipment, rules, and playing conditions varying according to neighborhood space and team resources.

The earliest youth tournaments tended to be disorganized affairs, with frequent conflicts over rules of play. Safeguards were generally inadequate, and injuries often resulted. Yet interest in sports among young people continued to grow, and by the 1920s, out-of-school youth sports organizations began to emerge.

Most of these groups were founded with similar aims: to promote playing the sport under a uniform set of rules and conditions, to teach related skills to young players and other participants, and to organize fair competitive events. Today most sports organizations also pay close attention to safety and have developed protective gear and playing rules to reduce risks to young players. Even so, as contact sports are played by younger and younger children, competition has become more marked, and injuries have continued to mount.

Frequently, excesses in youth sports programs are a consequence of local zeal subverting national guidelines for operation and play. National organizations try to counter such problems by providing training courses for coaches, referees, and other officials.

Most youth sports organizations also profess objectives that reach beyond skill development and the playing of the game. In addition to stressing fair play and good sportsmanship, they seek to promote the development of character and citizenship. Several also encourage good academic performance and offer college scholarships for players.

Sports opportunities for young people continue to grow. Two approaches are represented among the programs offered by the organizations listed below. One teaches skills for lifetime enjoyment of the sport at an amateur level; the other seeks to develop the elite athletes who will become members of the U.S. national teams or play as professionals. Some organizations offer both types of opportunity. The organizations that are the national governing bodies for their sport are identified.

Note: Most of the organizations listed in the Character-Building Organizations section (see pages 77–81) include sports among their activities. Many of the Ethnic Heritage Groups (see pages 123–130) also sponsor youth athletic programs. (For example, some Olympic gymnasts have received their earliest training through Sokols.) A small number of sports organizations listed are associated with for-profit corporations.

Multi-Sport Organizations

Amateur Athletic Union of the U.S., Inc. (1948)

General Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 10000
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000
Overnight and Shipping Address:
1910 Hotel Plaza Blvd.
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830-1000
Bobby Dodd, President
800/AAU-4USA (800/228-4872)
407/934-7200
FAX: 407/934-7242
Email: *mary@aausports.org*
URL: *www.aausports.org*

The nation's largest amateur multi-sport program, offering 21 sports for athletes ages 8–19. It conducts competitions at the local, regional, and national levels, and holds national AAU Junior Olympic Games each summer in a selected U.S. city. For information about events in your area, call 800/AAU-4USA (800/228-4872).

American Sport Education Program (1981)
Human Kinetics Publishers (1974)

P.O. Box 5076
Champaign, IL 61825-5076
Karen Partlow, Director
800/747-5698
217/351-5076
FAX: 217/351-2674
Email: *asep@hkusa.com*
URL: *www.asep.com*

Provides quality instructional resources, workshops, and courses for coaches, administrators, and parents. Consists of three levels of instruction: Volunteer, or youth sport; Leader, or interscholastic sport; and Master, for undergraduate students and continuing education.

Youth SportDirector Workshops are designed to provide tools for youth sport administrators to perform duties effectively, while providing safe and enjoyable sports experiences for children. The

SportParent program is designed to educate parents about the important roles and responsibilities they have in guiding their children's sport experiences. Human Kinetics Publishers produces a line of books, journals, software, videotapes, and other education resources in the fields of physical education, sport sciences, and medicine and physical fitness. A catalog is available.

Direction Sports (1968)
600 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 320
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3215
Tulley N. Brown, Executive Director
213/627-9861
FAX: 213/627-9862

Direction Sports teams (which also stimulate interest in academic work) demonstrate how all youth can be affirmed and gain self-esteem through meaningful involvement in the teaching, coaching, and counseling of their peers under the mentorship of trained college students. Outside evaluation has shown that the program raises self-confidence, fosters learning skills, and improves the motivation to learn—even in the high-risk environments of L.A. public housing projects. Operates in or after school and in recreation centers, YMCAs, housing projects, settlements, and youth detention camps in the United States and in 10 other countries around the world. Has curriculum designed to train teens to work with younger children. For information on starting a Direction Sports peer-run academic/athletic program, send $20 to the above address.

Hostelling International-American Youth Hostels (1934)
733 15th Street NW, Suite 840
Washington, DC 20005
Richard Martyr, Executive Director
202/783-6161
FAX: 202/783-6171
URL: *hiayh.org*

Sponsors low-cost recreational and educational travel for all ages and maintains inexpensive overnight accommodations in the United States. Affiliated with an international network of hostels and has 35 regional offices—some of which have programs for disadvantaged youth. HI-AYH also offers a free organization membership to nonprofit and public service groups. A directory is available.

National Association of Police Athletic Leagues (1944)
618 N. U.S. Highway 1, Suite 201
North Palm Beach, FL 33408
Joe Wilson, Executive Director
561/844-1823
FAX: 561/863-6120
Email: *Copnkid1@aol.com*

A recreation-oriented juvenile-crime prevention program that relies heavily on athletics and recreational activities to improve relations between police officers and children and youth, particularly in high-risk inner-city neighborhoods. The Leagues serve more than 3,000,000 boys and girls in more than 800 cities and towns in the United States, its territories, and Canada. Leagues offer more than 100 different recreational, cultural, and educational programs, including team sports, boxing, drum and bugle corps, hobbies, crafts and computer clubs; also sponsor numerous citizenship and leadership development programs and projects.

National Council of Youth Sports (1980)
83 Pinewood Drive
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Wanda Rutledge, President
609/588-9735
FAX: 609/631-7813

A multi-sport corporation established to foster the continued education of youth sports administrators, and to support the growth and development of youth through participation in organized youth sports.

National Youth Sports Program (1968)
National Collegiate Athletic Association
6201 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211
Rochelle Collins, Program Coordinator
913/339-1906
FAX: 913/339-0028
URL: *www.ncaa.org*

A unique partnership of selected institutions of higher education, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This five-week summer program brings young people from low-income families to college and university campuses where they receive sports-skill, fitness, and health instruction. The educational program also helps youth develop personal and social skills, provides instruction in alcohol and other drug abuse prevention, and makes them aware of career and educational opportunities. In 1997, 170 campuses in 47 states and the District of Columbia hosted National Youth Sports Programs.

The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports (1956)
200 Independence Avenue SW,
Room 738 H
Washington, DC 20201
Joan Komlos, Communications Director
202/690-5179
FAX: 202/690-5211

Established by President Eisenhower, the Council encourages regular participation in sports and physical fitness activities for people of all ages. Sponsors the Physical Fitness Awards program to recognize outstanding and basic levels of fitness among youth ages 6–17. For information about the Awards program, write to: President's Challenge, Poplars Research Center, 400 E. 7th Street, Bloomington, IN 47405.

The Council also sponsors the Presidential Sports Award for all Americans, ages 6 and up, to encourage physical activity through regular participation in one or more of 68 sports and physical activities. For information, write to: Presidential Sports Award, 1910 Hotel Plaza Boulevard, Lake Buena Vista, FL 32830.

YMCA Youth Sports (1851)
YMCA of the USA
37 W. Broad Street, Suite 600
Columbus, OH 43215
Dick Jones, Associate Director of Sports
614/621-1231
FAX: 614/224-5611
Email: *jones@ymcausa.org*
URL: *www.ymcausa.net*

Open to all elementary and secondary school students. Stresses the value of teamwork and cooperation, fair play, and leadership development—all of the participants play in every game. Many local YMCAs have developed adaptive sports programs for young people with disabilities.

See also:

Athletes in Action, page 84;
Fellowship of Christian Athletes, pages 86–87.

Sport-Specific Organizations

Angling

American Bass Association (1985)
P.O. Box 896
Gate City, VA 24251-0896
Bob Barker, President
540/386-2109

Not a youth organization, but adult anglers provide fishing opportunities for children in their own communities. ABA state affiliates and member clubs may apply for grants to support youth outings, demonstrations, and fishing activities.

Uses the Aquatic Resource Council curriculum to promote good conservation practices. Young people receive certificates of participation in the youth program. Competitive events include parent and child teams.

Brotherhood of the Junglecock (1939)
c/o Bosley Wright
151 8th Avenue
P.O. Box 576
Glen Burnie, MD 21061
Bosley Wright, Executive Vice President
410/761-7727

This organization of anglers (now involving a third generation) is dedicated to teaching young people ages 7½–16 angling techniques (including fly-tying), good sportsmanship, and the preservation of American game fish. Full certification program takes several years to complete. The organization is named for the junglecock, a bird whose neck feathers were prized by fly-tyers.

Archery

Junior Olympic Archery Development (ca. 1970)
National Archery Association
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5778
Robert C. Balink, Executive Director
719/578-4576
FAX: 719/632-4733
Email: *102036.3634@compuserve.com*
URL: *www.usarchery.org*

The national governing body for archery in the United States. More than 250 JOAD clubs around the nation offer instruction and tournament participation for recurve and compound bow archers age 18 and younger. The program furnishes standards for rank certification from Qualified Archer level to Olympian level, as well as provides guidance for those interested in recreational archery.

NFAA Junior Bowhunter Program (1986)
National Field Archery Association (1939)
31407 Outer I-10
Redlands, CA 92373
909/794-2133
FAX: 909/794-8512

Introduces the sport of shooting with compound bows and arrows to archers younger than age 18. NFAA programs provide guidance and skill development opportunities for recreational archers or bowhunters. Junior archers can go on to compete for awards at state, sectional, and national levels. All club shooting activities must be carried out under the supervision of a responsible adult (who need not be an expert archer).

Badminton

USA Badminton (1936)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Holly Martin, Director of National
Programs and Grassroots
Development
719/578-4808
FAX: 719/578-4507
Email: *holly.martin@usoc.org*
URL: *www.usabadminton.org*

USA Badminton is committed to making badminton an integral part of youth athletic programs. It has established a network of grassroots programs that support widespread availability of competitive opportunities for players of all ages, skill levels, and physical abilities. Some 45–50 tournaments annually provide competitive opportunities in the United States. Target 2004 sites and developmental centers nationwide provide an intermediate bridge between beginner and elite levels of play. These programs form the feeder system for creating future Olympians. USA Badminton is the national governing body for the sport and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Call the national office for information about the location nearest you.

Baseball/Softball

Amateur Softball Association (1933)

2801 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, OK 73111
Don E. Porter, Executive Director
405/424-5266
FAX: 405/424-3855
Email: *info@softball.org*
URL: *www.softball.org*

The national governing body for the sport of softball in the United States. Runs a Junior Olympic youth program in Slow Pitch and Fast Pitch. Includes four age groups: 18 and younger, 16 and younger, 14 and younger, 12 and younger, and 10 and younger. Also offers a complete Softball Coaches' Education Program for all volunteer coaches.

American Amateur Baseball Congress, Inc. (1935)

118 Redfield Plaza
P.O. Box 467
Marshall, MI 49068
Joseph R. Cooper, President
616/781-2002
FAX: 616/781-2060
Email: *AABC@voyager.net*
URL: *www.voyager.net/aabc*

Offers baseball program in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Canada. Features seven age divisions: Connie Mack (18 and younger), Mickey Mantle (16 and younger), Sandy Koufax (14 and younger), Pee Wee Reese (12 and younger), Willie Mays (10 and younger), Roberto Clemente (8 and younger), and Stan Musial (unlimited age). Sponsors annual tournaments for each age group.

American Amateur Youth Baseball Alliance (1998)

12919 Four Winds Farm Drive
St. Louis, MO 63131
Carroll L. Wood, President, Baseball Operations
573/518-0319
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
Email: *clwjr28@aol.com*
URL: *www.aayba.com*

After years of expanding activity as the St. Louis Tournament of Champions (1990), the AAYBA goes national with an inaugural season in 1998. This first round of tournaments will be for boys' baseball teams in age-groups from 9–16, and will include a minimum of seven tourneys plus the World Series. In 1999, girls' softball tournaments and inline roller hockey tournaments will be added. All tournaments are of pool play with a four-game guarantee. After Round One, teams go on to play in three separate tourneys. Round One pool winners go against each other in the Championship round; second-place teams compete against each other in the AAA round, and third-place teams compete in the AA round. Team awards are presented for all three rounds.

American Legion Baseball (1925)

American Legion National Headquarters
P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
Jim Quinlan, Program Coordinator
317/630-1213
FAX: 317/630-1369
Email: *TAL@iquest.net*
URL: *www.legion.org*

Offers supervised play for teens. The teams are formed locally and are financed by service clubs, businesses, and individuals.

Babe Ruth League, Inc. (1951)
1770 Brunswick Pike
P.O. Box 5000
Trenton, NJ 08638
Ronald Tellefson, President/CEO
609/695-1434
FAX: 609/695-2505
URL: *www.baberuthleague.org*

Also known as Babe Ruth Baseball and Babe Ruth Softball. Offers supervised baseball and softball league play for youth ages 5–18. Baseball leagues are organized in four divisions: Bambino (ages 5–12), Prep (age 13), 13–15 Division, Prep (age 16), and 16–18 Division. Softball designed for girls is organized in three levels: ages 5–12, 13–15, and 16–18.

Cinderella Softball Leagues (1958)
P.O. Box 1411
Corning, NY 14830
607/937-5469

Conducts leagues for girls ages 18 and younger. Levels of play include Sweetpeas (9 and younger), 10 and younger, 12 and younger, 14 and younger, 16 and younger, and 19 and younger. The program is open to all girls, and stresses fair play and fun over winning.

Continental Amateur Baseball Association (1984)
82 University Street
Westerville, OH 43081
Carl Williams, President
614/899-2103
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
URL: *www.otterbein.edu/home/FAC/rgrjtrmn/caba.html*

An age-graded baseball program for boys and girls ages 9 and older. Holds annual round-robin World Series competitions at selected sites across the U.S.

Dixie Baseball, Inc. (1956)
P.O. Box 193
Montgomery, AL 36101-0193
James E. Brown, Executive Director
334/241-2300
FAX: 334/241-2301
Email: *dyb@internetwork.net*
URL: *www.dixie.org*

The umbrella organization for three separate programs: **Dixie Youth Baseball, Inc.** (T-ball, ages 6 and younger; Minors, 10 and younger; Majors, 12 and younger), **Dixie Boys Baseball, Inc.** (Boys, 13–14; Pre-Majors, 15–16; Majors, 15–18), and **Dixie Softball, Inc.** (Sweetees, 6 and younger; Angels, 9 and younger; Ponytails, 12 and younger; Belles, 15 and younger; Debs, 18 and younger). Holds annual world series competitions for all three programs.

Dizzy Dean Baseball
1213 Helena Drive
Hickson, TN 37343
423/875-0066

A national recreational baseball program for young people ages 5–18. Leagues are organized primarily, but not exclusively, in southern states. Levels of play include: Tee-Ball (ages 5–6); Farm (ages 7–8); Minors (ages 9–10); Freshmen (ages 11–12); Sophomores (ages 13–14); Juniors (ages 15–16); and Seniors (ages 17–18).

George Khoury Association of Baseball Leagues (1936)
5400 Meramec Bottom Road
St. Louis, MO 63128
George G. Khoury, Executive Director
314/849-8900
FAX: 314/849-8901

For youth ages 7 and older. Organized in leagues sponsored by local merchants and organizations, in the United States and in other countries.

Hap Dumont Youth Baseball (1974)
National Baseball Congress
P.O. Box 17455
Wichita, KS 67217
Jerry Crowell, National Chairman
316/721-1779
FAX: 316/721-8054
Email: *J_MILLSPAUGH@juno.com*

A program of league and tournament play for young people that uses an "open" style of play that follows the Official Rule Book, with some adaptations appropriate for the age of players. Teams are grouped as age 10 and younger, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 and younger. The organization charters leagues at very low cost; it does not charter individual teams.

Little League Baseball, Inc. (1939)
P.O. Box 3485
Williamsport, PA 17701
Stephen Keener, President and CEO
717/326-1921
FAX: 717/326-1074
Email: *publicrelations@littleleague.org*
URL: *www.littleleague.org*

Baseball and softball programs for youth ages 5–18. Organized in all U.S. states and territories and 88 other countries. Conducts annual International World Series in August. The Challenger Division offers noncompetitive play for physically and mentally disabled young people ages 5–18.

NABF Invitational Classics (1997)
2620 Whitehorse - Hamilton Square
Road, Suite 1
Hamilton Square, NJ 08690
Wanda Rutledge, Executive Director
609/631-9220
FAX: 609/631-9299
Email: *wandaswrld@aol.com*

Held in conjunction with the NABF regional and world series championships, these events provide additional competitive opportunities to teams and players at all levels; they do not replace existing NABF programs and events.

National Amateur Baseball Federation (1914)
P.O. Box 705
Bowie, MD 20718
Charles M. Blackburn, Executive
Director
301/262-5005
FAX: same as phone number (call first)

Promotes noncommercialized baseball tournaments at the national level for eight age groups: Rookie (10 and younger), Freshman (12 and younger), Sophomore (14 and younger), Junior (16 and younger), High School (high school eligible), Senior (18 and younger), College (22 and younger), and Major (unlimited age).

PONY Baseball and Softball (1951)
P.O. Box 225
Washington, PA 15301
Abraham Key, President
412/225-1060
FAX: 412/225-9852
Email: *pony@pulsenet.com*
URL: *www.pony.org*

An international youth baseball and girls' softball organization. Leagues are organized in seven divisions: Shetland (ages 5–6), Pinto (ages 7–8), Mustang (ages 9–10), Bronco (ages 11–12), Pony (ages 13–14), Colt (ages 15–16), and Palomino (ages 17–18). Also sponsors softball leagues that are currently restricted to female participants.

T•Ball USA Association, Inc. (1993)
915 Broadway, Suite 1901
New York, NY 10010
Bing Broido, President
212/254-7911
FAX: 212/254-8042
Email: *teeballusa@aol.com*

A national nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of the game of tee ball as an introduction to baseball and softball. It provides benefits to youth leagues, coaches, volunteers, parents, and players (ages 4–8) participating in (or starting up) organized tee ball. Services include developing educational materials and clinics, and providing licensed products–training and game balls, gloves, bats, tees, and related items. The *Official T•Ball USA Family Guide to Tee Ball* covers all aspects of the game.

United States Amateur Baseball Association (1969)
7101 Lake Ballinger Way
Edmonds, WA 98026
Al Rutledge, Executive Director
425/776-7130
FAX: same as phone number
Email: *usaba@usaba.com*
URL: *www.usaba.com*

USABA is a volunteer-run organization that offers a program of progressive, postseason competition in nine age groups, for players ages 11–19. Some 3,000 leagues in 39 states, with 450,000 participants take part. Dual participation allows teams to play in other leagues. USABA tournaments use a round-robin format with winners going into championship double-elimination rounds. Most teams play in 6–8 rounds. The World Series awards trophies for the top four teams.

USA Baseball (1965)
Hi Corbett Field
3400 E. Camino Campestre
Tucson, AZ 85716
George Doig, Media Relations Director
Paul Seiler, Special Projects Manager
520/327-9700
FAX: 520/327-9221
Email: *usabasebal@aol.com*
URL: *www.usabaseball.com*

The national governing body for amateur baseball in the United States and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Selects, trains, and supports the USA Baseball National Team and the USA Baseball Junior National Team (ages 17–18) and the USA Baseball Youth National Team (ages 15–16), which participate in international competitions, including the Olympic Games and Junior World Championships.

Online Resources

Baseball Information Network
www.baseballinfo.com

BatterUp
www.batterup.com

Competitive Baseball Web
www.cbweb.com/spo/home.html

These sites provide information about leagues and tournaments, team registration, baseball magazines, articles by and for coaches, discussion forums, equipment sources, and much, much more. They are also hyperlinked to a great many others. Some information is available by subscription only, but much is free.

Basketball

Biddy Basketball LLC (1951)
2377 Leon G. Simon
New Orleans, LA 70122
Firmin Simms, National Director and President
504/283-5917
FAX: 504/283-3666

A franchised program of play for both boys and girls, ages 6 through 13. Conducts the National Pre Prep program for boys, ages 14 and 15 only.

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Gus Macker 3-on-3 Charity Basketball Tournament (1974)
Gus Macker Enterprises
3055 Lake Eastbrook Boulevard
Kentwood, MI 49512
616/458-3030
FAX: 616/458-3163
URL: *www.macker.com*

A tournament system for teams of three players (with one alternate) ages 8 and older. Teams are matched by age, height, and experience. Macker Enterprises organizes tournaments as fundraisers in local communities. In 1997, tournaments involved 190,000 hoopsters of all ages in 79 U.S. cities.

Hoop-It-Up (1989)
3-on-3 Street Basketball Tournament
4006 Belt Line Road, Suite 220
Dallas, TX 75244
Tammy Smith
Hoop-It-Up Administrative Assistant
972/392-5700, ext. 750
FAX: 972/991-1135
Email: *hoop-it-up@usasports.com*

Tournament play for teams of three starters and an alternate. Players ages 8 and older are arranged in divisions according to age, height, and ability. In 1997, the program operated in 45 U.S. and 22 European cities.

USA Basketball (1974)
5465 Mark Dabling Boulevard
Colorado Springs, CO 80918-3842
Warren S. Brown, Executive Director
719/590-4800
FAX: 719/590-4811
URL: *www.usabasketball.com*

The national governing body for basketball in the United States and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Does not sponsor youth league play; high school seniors, college students, and professional athletes may play on national teams.

Youth Basketball of America (1989)
10325 Orangewood Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32821-8239
407/363-YBOA (363-9262)
FAX: 407/363-0599

YBOA strives to provide opportunities for the personal growth and development of young athletes while reinforcing positive influences, self-confidence, self-esteem, and the ability to excel on and off the court. YBOA is dedicated to educating and motivating each member while encouraging teamwork, sportsmanship and fun. Now international, YBOA has member associations in Europe, Mexico, Costa Rica, Puerto Rico, South America, and Canada. YBOA offers league development and tournaments at local, state, national, and international levels; discounted uniforms, basketball, merchandise, and insurance plans are available to all members.

Biathlon

The United States Biathlon Association (1980)
P.O. Box 297
Burlington, VT 05402-0297
Stephen R. Sands, Executive Director
802/862-0338
FAX: 802/862-0443
Email: *usbiathlon@aol.com*

Biathlon combines skills in two sports: cross-country skiing and shooting. A nationwide network of 25 clubs provides training and racing opportunities. The USBA helps support three Regional Centers of Excellence (in Vermont, Minnesota, and Utah) which offer additional programs (some year-round) to motivate young athletes, giving them the chance to start biathlon at an early age and pursue Olympic dreams under the guidance of expert coaches. USBA is the governing body for the sport in the United States.

BMX Bicycling

American Bicycle Association (1977)
P.O. Box 718
Chandler, AZ 85244
Clayton John, President
602/961-1903
FAX: 602/961-1842
URL: *www.ababmx.com*

A for-profit corporation that promotes the sport of BMX bicycle racing, and sanctions local and national competitions.

National Bicycle League (1974)
3958 Brown Park Drive, Suite D
Hilliard, OH 43026
Bob Tedesco, Managing Director
614/777-1625
FAX: 614/777-1680
Email: *nbl@iwaynet.net*
URL: *www.nbl.org*

Promotes the sport of bicycle motocross racing throughout the United States and Canada, for youth ages 3 and older, to adults age 60. Sanctions and supervises age-graded races at local, state, and national levels. Affiliated with USA Cycling and Union Cycliste Internationale.

Bobsled/Skeleton

United States Bobsled & Skeleton Federation (1991)
P.O. Box 828
Lake Placid, NY 12946
Chris L. Lindsay, National Director,
Youth Programs
518/523-1842
FAX: 518/523-9491
Email: *cllindsay@aol.com*

Promotes knowledge of, interest in, and support for the sports of bobsled and skeleton; current membership drive seeks to recruit 5,000 youth members ages 8–21 by the year 2000. Programs include the Pee Wee Olympic Track Sledding Program, a driving school at Lake Placid for youth ages 8–17; the Bobsledding Outreach Program to teach youth the fundamentals of the "push" portion of bobsledding and to provide a taste of competition. National Athletic Camps sponsored by local communities introduce youth to athletic training and the design, maintenance, and repair of sleds. National Junior Summer Camps at Lake Placid give young athletes the opportunity to stay in the Olympic Training Center (OTC) and practice on the National Bobsled Push Track. Odyssey 2000, a winter program, brings youth to Lake Placid to visit the OTC, attend an educational clinic, and ride a bobsled. The National Athlete Lecture Series introduces youth to U.S. team members to hear from them the values and sacrifice, teamwork, discipline, and commitment the sport requires. Some activities available for young people with disabilities. USBSF is the national governing body for the sport of bobsled and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Bowling

Young American Bowling Alliance (1982)
5301 S. 76th Street
Greendale, WI 53129-1192
Jim Zebehazy, Executive Director
414/421-4700
FAX: 414/421-1301
Email: *zebehazy@ols-inc.com*

For young people up to age 21, with Pee Wee Division for beginners, Youth Division (to age 21), and Collegiate Division for young men and women enrolled in an institution of higher learning. The upper age limit is waived for mentally disabled bowlers.

Boxing

Knights Boxing Team—International (1976)
2350 Ventura Road SE
Smyrna, GA 30080-1327
Don Wade, Executive Director
770/432-3632

A nonprofit youth charity that guides young people in the sport of amateur boxing, as an alternative to drugs, crime, gangs, and suicide. Emphasis is placed on clean living, health, and conditioning. Team membership is open to all youth ages 12 and older. Operates Knights Training Camp, and follows the rules and guidelines of the International Olympic Committee.

National Golden Gloves Association of America, Inc. (1964)
8801 Princess Jeanne NE
Albuquerque, NM 87112
Stan Gallup, Executive Director
505/298-8042
FAX: 505/298-1191

Through 32 franchises throughout the United States, organizes tournaments for amateur boxers ages 8–30, grouped according to weight, age, and experience. Youth ages 17 and older with 5 prior fights may compete as open boxers, grouped according to weight class only.

USA Boxing (1980)
United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Chris Campbell, Executive Director
719/578-4506
FAX: 719/632-3426
Email: *usaboxing@aol.com*

Sponsors age-specific tournaments for boys and girls ages 8–16 that begin at the local level. Boys and girls ages 11–16 move through regional and national levels of competition; culminates in Junior Olympics. There is a separate program for young men and women ages 17 and older.

Canoeing

American Canoe Association (1880)
7432 Alban Station Boulevard
Suite B-226
Springfield, VA 22150
Jeffrey Yeager, Executive Director
703/451-0141
FAX: 703/451-2245
Email: *acadirect@aol.com*
URL: *www.aca-paddler.org*

Provides safe and enjoyable canoeing and other paddlesport activities. Represents nearly 50,000 paddlers and offers both sponsorship and volunteer opportunities in dynamic program areas such as conservation and river access, safety education, programs for the disabled, instruction, athletic competition, and touring.

Curling

USA Curling (1958)
United States Curling Association
1100 Centerpoint Drive
P.O. Box 866
Stevens Point, WI 54481
Doug Anderson, Member Services Coordinator
715/344-1199
FAX: 715/344-2279
Email: *usacurl@coredcs.com*
URL: *www.usacurl.org*

USA Curling has developed a junior merit program for use in local curling clubs across the United States. Youth to age 21 are awarded a skill bar for each of five skill levels they attain. USA Curling conducts Junior Curling Camps during the summer months and sponsors the Junior National Championships which lead to Junior World Championship play. USA Curling is the governing body for the sport in the United States; it is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the World Curling Federation. USA Curling helps clubs buy equipment—"little rocks," brooms, and sliders—for young curlers.

Cycling

League of American Bicyclists (1880)
190 W. Ostend Street, Suite 120
Baltimore, MD 21230
Gilbert Clark, Executive Director
410/539-3399
FAX: 410-539-3496
Email: *BikeLeague@aol.com*
URL: *www.bikeleague.org*

Promotes bicyclists' rights and improves roads. The League's *Effective Cycling*® program is the nation's only bicycling education program with certified instructors. The program teaches bicycling safety to thousands of children each year. Provides the skills needed to handle any traffic situation and stresses the importance of responsible road riding.

U.S. Junior Regional Cycling Program
USA Cycling (1920)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Susie Barton-Stetson, Manager of
Athlete Programs
719/578-4845
FAX: 719/578-4764

The national governing body for cycling for the U.S. Olympic Committee. Offers age-graded programs and races for junior cyclists ages 10–18. Organized at the local club level, young people can learn the fine points of competitive cycling from specially trained coaches at local and regional clinics. Races start at the local club level and progress through national and international competitions. Current programs include the Lance Armstrong Junior Olympic Race Series, and YMCA-USA Cycling Youth Cycling Development Program.

Disc Sports

Ultimate Players Association (1979)
3595 E. Fountain Boulevard, Suite J2
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Bob Byrne, Executive Director
800/872-4384
FAX: 719/591-2461
Email: *BobByrne@upa.org*
URL: *www.upa.org*

Ultimate is a fast-paced athletic contest played with a frisbee disc. More than 8,000 members are involved in UPA. There are no referees; all disputed calls are resolved by the players on the field. Divisions include: Juniors (age 18 and younger), College, Women's, Masters (ages 30 and older), and Open (open to males and females of all ages). Conducts a college national championship series in the spring and a club series (Open, Women's, Masters, and Juniors divisions) in the fall. U.S. teams compete in the annual World Flying Disc Federation championships. Publishes an official rules manual, teaching kits, and a member newsletter (five times per year).

Drag Racing

National Hot Rod Association (1951)
2035 Financial Way
Glendora, CA 91741-4602
Dallas Gardner, President
626/914-4761
FAX: 626/914-6930
Email: *goracing.com*
URL: *www.goracing.com/NHRA*

Motorsports' largest full-service sanctioning organization. Promotes interest in construction and racing of modified and specially-built automobiles, motorcycles, and trucks worldwide. Initiated and promotes motorsports first, and has only full-time program devoted exclusively to youth and educational programming. NHRA Youth & Education Services develops and promotes track-site and school-site Career Opportunities Fairs, "Education Day at the Track" programs, and provides a variety of education programs for elementary-, secondary-, and college-level students. Classroom supplementary materials are available upon request written on school or youth organization letterhead. Administers a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors.

The NHRA Jr. Drag Racing League is a membership organization for youth ages 8–17 who build and race dragsters powered by 5 hp Briggs & Stratton engines. Junior racers compete for scholarships at 130 NHRA member tracks nationwide and at the annual Jr. Drag Racing League National Championships.

Equestrian Sports

American Horse Shows Association (1917)

220 E. 42nd Street, Suite 409
New York, NY 10017-5876
Kate Jackson, Executive Director
212/972-2472
FAX: 212/983-7286

American Horse Shows Association, as a national equestrian federation of the United States, is the national governing body for the Olympic and World Championship equestrian sports: combined driving, dressage, endurance, showjumping, three-day eventing, and vaulting, as well as 18 other discipline- and breed-related competitions. The nation's largest multi-breed equestrian organization, AHSA has 66,000 members and recognizes 2,600 competitions annually. It governs all aspects of competitions, educates and licenses all judges, stewards, and technical delegates who officiate at these competitions, and through its marketing program, "Making Strides for Equestrian Sport," works to promote equestrian sports in the U.S.

American Morgan Horse Association Youth (early 1970s) The American Morgan Horse Association (1927)

P.O. Box 960
Shelburne, VT 05482-0960
802/985-4944
FAX: 802/985-8897
Email: *info@morganhorse.com*
URL: *www.morganhorse.com*

AMHAY is an international organization of young people through age 21, who have a common interest in the Morgan horse. The ultimate objective is to instill in young people the desire to preserve, improve, promote, and cherish the Morgan breed. The Horsemastership program offers opportunities to improve skills in riding, driving, judging, training, and properly caring for their horses; five skill-levels are recognized. AMHA Medal Classes at local and regional shows offer youth competitions in six equitation seats: Saddle, Western, Hunt on the Flat, Hunt over Fences, Stock, and Dressage. Young people may also participate in the Youth of the Year contest. All activities begin in local clubs and culminate in the Youth Finals at the Grand National & World Championship Morgan Horse Show each October. AMHA maintains the Morgan Horse breed registry.

American Saddlebred International Youth Program (1985)
American Saddlebred Horse Association, Inc.
4093 Iron Works Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Jill Shiflet, Youth Coordinator
606/259-2742
FAX: 606/259-1628

An international organization open to any youth 21 years of age or younger. Four program levels guide young people. Level A provides basic information about horses and safety practices; Level I stresses general knowledge; and Level II introduces basic horsemanship. Level III requires experience in riding, driving, and in-hand work; conformation judging; assistance with the care and management of a stable and participation in equine-related demonstrations and/or speeches. ASIYP holds annual activity and horsemanship competitions and a National Youth Camp in Lexington, Kentucky. ASHA maintains the American Saddlebred Horse breed registry.

Appaloosa Youth Association (1963)
Appaloosa Horse Club, Inc. (1938)
5070 Highway 8 West
Moscow, ID 83843
Youth Coordinator
208/882-5578
FAX: 208/882-8150
Email: *aphc@appaloosa.com*
URL: *www.appaloosa.com*

The AYA emphasizes good horsemanship through proper methods of training both horse and rider; for youth age 18 and younger. AYA provides recognition for young people who own or show Appaloosas; promotes ideals of citizenship, sportsmanship, showmanship, and leadership. Enhances the capabilities of youth in breeding, raising, and competing on Appaloosas. Promotes competition through regional clubs and shows; holds annual National Appaloosa Youth Show, Youth Judging Contest, Art and Essay Contest, and annual AHC Youth Convention. Through AYA, young people can affect policy and practice in the parent organization and the Appaloosa industry as a whole. The AHC maintains the Appaloosa Horse breed registry.

Pony of the Americas Club, Inc. (1954)
5240 Elmwood Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46203
317/788-0107
URL: *www.poac.org*

Forty state clubs conduct 300 horse shows annually. There are also state, regional, and international shows. The annual world show rotates between the east and west coasts. An educational foundation provides schools at all levels with information and materials relating to the breed. The POAC keeps stud books and maintains the Pony of the Americas breed registry.

United States Pony Clubs, Inc. (1954)
The Kentucky Horse Park
4071 Iron Works Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
Cathy Lerza, Executive Director
606/254-7669
FAX: 606/233-4652
Email: *uspc@uspc.org*
URL: *www.uspc.org*

Seeks to develop in youth the qualities of responsibility, moral judgment, leadership, and self-confidence through education in equestrian activities. Provides instruction and competitions for members up to age 21, based on Standards of Proficiency. There are Pony Clubs in 49 states; USPC offers an exchange program with members of Pony Clubs overseas.

U.S. Dressage Federation, Inc. (1973)

P.O. Box 6669
Lincoln, NE 68506-0669
402/434-8550
FAX: 402/434-8570
Email: *usdressage@navix.net*
URL: *www.usdf.org/*

Offers membership for Junior/Young Riders younger than age 21 through **Club Dressage.** Youth ages 16–21 who ride at Fourth Level or above are eligible for the advanced young riders program.

United States Trotting Association (1938)
Standardbred Equestrian Program (1995)

750 Michigan Avenue
Columbus, OH 43215
Karen Beach, Administrator
Standardbred Equestrian Program
614/224-2291, ext. 3260
FAX: 614/224-4575
Email: *sep@ustrotting.com*
URL: *www.ustrotting.com*

The Standardbred Equestrian Program (SEP) is a multi-faceted program designed to promote the Standardbred in all disciplines. Performance certificates attest to achievements in each discipline. The USTA/SEP Medallion program awards three levels of achievement in working with a registered Standardbred. C.H.A.M.P. (Care Horsemanship, Achievement, Merit, and Promotion) is a five-level program for young people in grades K–12, designed to encourage progressive development of knowledge, and horsemanship and leadership skills. Both C.H.A.M.P. and SEP are used in conjunction with 4-H projects. USTA maintains the breed registry and is the official record-keeper for the Standardbred horse; it also assists in finding adoptive homes for retired Standardbred race horses.

Fencing

United States Fencing Association (1984)

One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Membership Services Department
719/578-4511
FAX: 719/632-5737
Email: *usfencing@aol.com*
URL: *www.usfa.org*

The national governing body for the Olympic sport of fencing in the United States. This includes local fencing development through Olympic Team preparation and selection. Athletes age 6 and older, from throughout the United States, compete in both age and skill categories. A Wheelchair Fencing Program is available for all age groups. A free information packet is available upon written request.

Field Hockey

U.S. Field Hockey Association

One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5773
Amy Rusert, Director of Development
719/578-4567
FAX: 719/632-0979
Email: *usfha@usfieldhockey.com*
URL: *www.usfieldhockey.com*

Introduces and promotes field hockey among youth ages 5–13. This safe, fun sport can be introduced inexpensively as a program, through schools, park and recreation groups, and other youth organizations and can be adapted for indoor and outdoor play. A competitive grants program makes start-up equipment available. The U.S. Field Hockey Association is the national governing body for the sport and is a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Football

National Football League Properties

280 Park Avenue
New York, NY 10009
800/NFL-SNAP (1-800/635-7627)
212/450-2000
FAX: 212/681-7596
URL: *www.nfl.com/playfootball/nflkids/nflkids.html*

NFL Air-It-Out (1993)

4-on-4 Flag Football Tournament
4006 Belt Line Road, Suite 230
Dallas, TX 75244
972/392-5720
FAX: 972/991-1135

Tournament play for teams of four starters and an alternate. Players ages 8 and older are arranged in divisions according to age, height and ability.

NFL Flag Presented by Nike

Competitive flag football leagues for boys and girls ages 6–14. The program is offered in both fall and spring, with a future NFL Flag Championship. Each participant will receive a NFL team-identified jersey.

Call 1-800-NFL-SNAP for more information about the programs and activities nearest you.

NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick

Competitive events based on distance and accuracy for boys and girls ages 8–15. The program runs from August to January annually, beginning with local competitions. Team championships take place during half-time at NFL games; final competition is held at the American Football Conference playoff game in January.

Pop Warner Football (1929)

586 Middletown Boulevard, Suite C-100
Langhorne, PA 19047-1748
Jon Butler, Executive Director
215/752-2691
FAX: 215/752-2879
Email: *pwlsreg@aol.com*
URL: *dickbutkus.com*

Tackle and flag football, and cheerleading leagues open to youth ages 5–16. Teams are organized in seven levels of play according to age and weight criteria. Levels include Mitey-Mite, Junior Peewee, Peewee, Junior Midget, Midget, Junior Bantam, and Bantam. Promotes scholarship through academic team ranking and individual scholar awards for participants. Tackle programs and cheerleading squads may participate in regional and national championships.

Golf

American Junior Golf Association (1977)

2415 Steeplechase Lane
Roswell, GA 30076
Stephen A. Hamblin, Executive Director
770/998-4653
FAX: 770/992-9763
Email: *ajga@ajga.org*
URL: *www.ajga.org*

AJGA provides positive life experiences through competitive golf to aspiring junior golfers, while setting high standards to preserve the integrity of the game. AJGA provides exceptional junior golfers the opportunity to develop and showcase their competitive skills, and through providing college coaches with results from all AJGA tournaments and qualifiers has built a reputation for providing exposure leading to college golf scholarships.

Gymnastics

USA Gymnastics (1963)
Pan American Plaza, Suite 300
201 S. Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Kathy Scanlan, President
317/237-5050
FAX: 317/237-5069
URL: *www.usa-gymnastics.org*

The national governing body for the sport of gymnastics in the United States. Selects the U.S. national team for international competitions, and promotes the sport among recreational gymnasts not engaged in competition. Operates a competitive program based on proficiency in the sport.

Handball

USA Team Handball (1957)
1903 Powers Ferry Road, Suite 230
Atlanta, GA 30339
Maureen Stone, Executive Director
770/956-7660
FAX:770/956-7976
Email: *info@usateamhandball.org*
URL: *www.usateamhandball.org*

The national governing body for the sport of handball in the United States. USA Team Handball nurtures the growth and participation of players of all ages through education, recreation, clubs, and regional and national programs. The Member School program provides the tools needed by educators and recreation professionals to establish team handball programs and to generate play in schools, recreation leagues, and clubs. Members may compete in the USA Cup, Senior and Junior National Championships, South East Team Handball Conference, and the Collegiate National Championships. International Youth Competition Grants are available to youth teams for participation in competitions abroad. The development program creates a pipeline for identifying elite young athletes who will form the teams that represent the United States at the Pan American Games Junior Championships, Junior World Championships, and ultimately the Olympic Games.

Team handball is used by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Police Athletic Leagues, the Native American Sports Council, Special Olympics, the American Athletic Association of the Deaf, and the Catholic Youth Organization.

Ice Hockey

American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association (1973)
1143 W. Lake Street
Chicago, IL 60607
Stan Mikita, President
312/226-5880
FAX: 312/829-2098

Promotes the sport of amateur hockey among hearing-impaired young men ages 6–20. Conducts an annual hockey school.

American Sled Hockey Association (1989)
10933 S. Johnson Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55437
John Schatzlein, Commissioner
612/750-3973
FAX: 612/888-5331
Email: *webmaster@sledhockey.org*
URL: *www.SledHockey.org*

Open to individuals with impaired physical mobility, sled hockey is played on sleds mounted on skate blades and propelled across the ice with hockey sticks. Played with a regular puck and requires full gear. Rules allow able-bodied players to fill up to three slots on a team, seated on sleds. The game has been adopted by adaptive physical education programs for youth ages 12–18 in schools and in park and recreation programs. Mixed teams are formed on the basis of ability.

USA Hockey, Inc. (1937)
1775 Bob Johnson Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Dave Ogrean, Executive Director
719/576-USAH (719/576-8724)
FAX: 719/538-7838
Email: *usah@usahockey.org*
URL: *www.usahockey.com*

USA Hockey, Inc. is the national governing body for the sport of ice hockey in the United States. As such, its mission is to promote the growth of hockey in the United States and to provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing, and administering the sport.

Ice Skating

Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States (1927)
1033 Shady Lane
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137
Shirley Yates, Executive Secretary
630/790-3230
FAX: 630/790-3235
URL: *www.mit.edu/jeffrey/speedskating/asu.html*

A network of 80 clubs and 18 regional associations for individuals ages 6 and older who are interested in speedskating. Provides competitive events for all age and skill levels and conducts training camps for officials and coaches. Has Special Needs Skaters program of races for persons with disabilities.

Ice Skating Institute (1959)
355 W. Dundee Road
Buffalo Grove, IL 60089-3500
Peter Martell, Executive Director
847/808-7528
FAX: 847/808-8329
Email: *SKATEISI@aol.com*

An international organization of ice rink operators, managers, coaches, industry builders and suppliers, and ice skaters dedicated to providing leadership, education, and services for management and participants in recreational ice skating and related activities. Promotes recreational ice skating among people of all ages and ability levels. Offers group figure skating and hockey/goalie "Learn to Skate" programs to both community and privately owned ice rinks, and figure skating and hockey/goalie proficiency test programs. Hosts educational seminars and sponsors an annual conference, a trade show, two consumer shows, and two national championship competitions annually (winter and summer) for members of all ages and ability levels.

United States Figure Skating Association (1921)
20 First Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Morry Stillwell, President
Jerry Lace, Executive Director
Heather Linhart, Director of Communications
719/635-5200
FAX: 719/635-9548
Email: *USFSA1@aol.com*
URL: *USFSA.org*

The national governing body for the sport of figure skating in the United States. Selects and prepares U.S. teams for more than 17 international competitions each year. Conducts numerous annual events and competitions, including sectional, national, and international competitions. Member clubs are eligible to hold figure skating carnivals in the United States. Also provides a beginning/recreational curriculum to skating rinks, instructors, and park and recreation departments. The program known as U.S. Postal Service Skate with U.S. introduces the fundamentals of the sport to people of all ages.

U.S. Speedskating (1966)
P.O. Box 16157
Rocky River, OH 44116-6157
Bill Cushman, President
Katie Marquard, Executive Director
216/899-0128
FAX: 216/899-0109
URL: *www.usspeedskating.org*

The national governing body for the sport of speedskating in the United States.

Inline Hockey

International Inline Skating Association (1991)
3720 Farragut
Kensington, MD 20895
Gil Clark, Executive Director
301/942-9770
FAX: 301/942-9771
Email: *iisahq@erols.com*
URL: *www.iisa.org*

A trade association for the sport of inline skating, IISA does not offer youth programs directly. It does, however, certify instructors and help young skaters locate certified instructors. Publishes *Gear-up Guide*, which offers information about the sport, equipment needed, safety issues and more.

USA Hockey InLine (1994)
USA Hockey, Inc.
1775 Bob Johnson Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Mark Rudolph, Senior Director
Brian Williams, Director
719/576-8724
FAX: 719/538-1160
Email: *markr@usahockey.org* or
brianw@usahockey.org
URL: *www.usahockey.com*

USA Hockey InLine is the official inline hockey program of USA Hockey, Inc., the national governing body for the sport of hockey in the United States. USA Hockey InLine was created to answer the increasing demand for structured playing, coaching, and officiating programs within America's inline hockey movement. It seeks to promote the growth of inline hockey and to provide the best possible experience for all participants by encouraging, developing, advancing, and administering the sport. USA Hockey InLine provides membership packages (including comprehensive insurance coverage); streamlined sanctioning procedures for tournaments and leagues; educational and resource materials for players, coaches, and referees; a magazine and a wide variety of special events for participants of all ages and skill levels. Divisions include: age 8 and younger; 10 and younger; 12 and younger; 14 and younger; 17 and younger; Adult; Women's College Club; and High School Club.

See also:

United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating, page 53.

Judo

United States Judo Association (1953)
21 N. Union Boulevard
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
719/633-7750
FAX: 719/633-4041
Email: *usja@csprings.com*
URL: *www.csprings.com/usja*

The USJA is a nonprofit sports organization dedicated to encouraging the principles of Judo and other martial arts, including Jujitsu, Karate, Sombo, Tae Kwon Do, Zen Judo, and Aikida; it is a federation of some 1,400 Judo clubs and 530 other martial arts clubs. More than 6,000 juniors younger than age 12 participate in graded programs. USJA hosts the Junior Nationals in early July each year.

United States Judo Federation National Office (1952)
P.O. Box 338
Ontario, OR 97914
541/889-8753
FAX: 541/889-5836
Email: *natofc@usjf.com*
URL: *www.usjf.com*

The USJF is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and development of Kodokan Judo. It seeks to affect positively the character of everyone associated with judo through the principles of mutual benefit and welfare. USJF offers a graded advancement program for youth ages 4 and older based on ability and skill level. Programs are administered through regional associations and local clubs. Conducts annual Junior Nationals competitions each summer.

United States Judo, Inc. (1979)
One Olympic Plaza, Room 202
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
William Rosenberg, Executive Director
John Miller, Director of Operations
719/578-4730
FAX: 719/578-4733
Email: *usjudoexdr@aol.com*
URL: *www.usjudo.org*

The national governing body for amateur judo in the United States. Supervises competitive events for youth ages 6–20, as well as for adults. Affiliated with the International Judo Federation and the U.S. Olympic Committee. USJI runs Junior Olympic competitions each summer.

Karate

USA Karate Federation All American Youth (1970s)
The USA Karate Federation
1300 Kenmore Boulevard
Akron, OH 44314
George Anderson, President
Jeff Ellis, Director, Junior Programs
330/753-3114
FAX: 330/753-6967
Email: *usakf@raex.com*
URL: *www.usakf.org*

Organizes a graded competitive program for youth of elementary through high school age.

Lacrosse

US Lacrosse, Inc. (1997)
113 W. University Parkway
Baltimore, MD 21210
Julia Mignatti, Director of Programs and Information Services
410/235-6882
FAX: 410/366-6735
Email: *Jmignatti@lacrosse.org*
URL: *www.lacrosse.org*

US Lacrosse is the national governing body for the sport in the United States. Members include young players from ages 6 to 15, high school players, college and post-collegiate club players, and coaches and officials for all levels, as well as Lacrosse enthusiasts. US Lacrosse publishes *LAX MAG for Kids* quarterly and sends it to more than 25,000 homes; one issue features the annual summer camp list. Also organizes an annual Youth Lacrosse Festival, promotes the youth game in emerging areas, and publishes books about youth lacrosse.

Luge

U.S. Luge Association (1979)
P.O. Box 651
Lake Placid, NY 12946
Fred Zimny, Manager of Recruitment and Development
518/523-2071
FAX: 518/523-4106
Email: *staff@usaluge.org*
URL: *www.usaluge.org*

The national governing body for the sport of luge in the United States. Offers junior program for youth ages 11–16; competitive program for selecting national junior team. Conducts Bell Atlantic Junior Luge Series, a multi-city summer and fall wheeled sled program to introduce the sport of luge to interested youth.

Orienteering

U.S. Orienteering Federation (1971)
P.O. Box 1444
Forest Park, GA 30298
404/363-2110
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
URL: *www.usorienteering.org*

Orienteering is an outdoor sport using a map and compass to move from point to point to a destination. Offers programs at all skill levels and encourages family participation. Many camps and organizations include orienteering among their outdoor activities. Youngest children can progress through the four levels of the Little Troll program, from following string courses (not requiring a compass) to courses of 2–3 kilometers. Competitive events are arranged according to skill level; courses progress in the difficulty of navigational skills and physical endurance required.

Pentathlon

U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association (1912)
7330 San Pedro Avenue
San Antonio, TX 78216
210/528-2999
FAX: 210/528-2992
Email: *usmpa@texnet.com*
URL: *www.uspentathlon.org* or *www.lonestar.texas.net/~usmpa*

The national governing body for pentathlon in the United States. Conducts junior development program for youth ages 8–17. A full-time summer camp and year-round after-school program develop the pentathlon sports of shooting, swimming, fencing, running and equestrian jumping.

Riflery/Shooting

National Rifle Association of America (1926)
11250 Waples Mill Road
Fairfax, VA 22030
Rosemary Herr, Youth Programs Department
703/267-1591
FAX: 703/267-3999
URL: *www.nra.org*

NRA has the Eddie Eagle™ Gun Safety Program that teaches a four-part safety message to young children: Stop, Don't Touch, Leave the Area, Tell an Adult. Older youth learn firearm responsibility, safe gun handling, and the fundamentals of marksmanship. Young shooters develop marksmanship skills using NRA Qualification Program courses of fire which recognize and reward shooters for each rating level attained.

USA Shooting (1994)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5762
National coaches:
Lloyd Woodhouse, Shotgun
Eric Buljung, Pistol
Sergey Luzov, Running Target
Dan Durben, Rifle
719/578-4670
FAX: 719/635-7989

The national governing body for the four Olympic shooting disciplines: rifle, pistol, shotgun, and running target. Each discipline offers youth programs and activities. Young people ages 14 and younger compete as sub-juniors; ages 15–17 as intermediate juniors; and ages 18–20 as juniors. USA Shooting conducts and supervises junior matches around the country and conducts the Junior Olympics annually, at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs. USAS also cooperates with several national youth organizations that offer shooting programs.

See also:

The United States Biathlon Association, page 39; **U.S. Modern Pentathlon Association,** page 51.

Rodeo

American Junior Rodeo Association (1953)
6029 Loop 306 South
San Angelo, TX 76905
Kelly Edwards, Secretary/Manager
915/651-AJRA (915/651-2572)
FAX: same as phone number (call first)

A competitive rodeo program for young people ages 19 and younger; events include Barrel Racing, Polebending, Goat Tying, Tiedown Roping, Steer Wrestling, and Rough Stock Riding and Roping. Classes in each event are based on age and ability. The primary sponsor is the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association.

National High School Rodeo Association (1949)
11178 N. Huron, Suite 7
Denver, CO 80234
303/452-0820
FAX: 303/452-0912
Membership Hotline: 800/46-NHSRA
(800/466-4772)

Aims to develop sportsmanship, horsemanship, and character in youth. Promotes rodeo on an international scale for youth younger than age 20, in grades 9–12 in the United States and Canada. Participants must also meet academic and conduct standards set by the association. The NHSRA awards more than $430,000 in scholarships annually.

National Little Britches Rodeo Association (1952)
1045 W. Rio Grande
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Bob Simpson, General Manager
719/389-0333
FAX: 719/578-1367
Email: *littlebritchs@pcisys.net*
URL: *www.nlbra.org*

Promotes good character, sportsmanship, and citizenship through the sport of rodeo. Sponsors competitive events for youth ages 8–18, and awards college scholarships.

Women's Professional Rodeo Association (1948)
1235 Lake Plaza Drive, Suite 134
Colorado Springs, CO 80906
Charlene Harns, Executive Secretary
719/576-0900
FAX: 719/576-1386
URL: *www.wpra.com*

A service organization for women in barrel racing. Although they formerly admitted minors, women now must be 18 to join.

Roller Skating

United States Amateur Confederation of Roller Skating (1973)
4730 South Street
P.O. Box 6579
Lincoln, NE 68506
Andy Seeley, Public Information Director
402/483-7551
FAX: 402/483-1465
Email: *SK8SID@aol.com*
URL: *www.usacrs.com*

The national governing body for the sport of roller skating in the United States. Sponsors competitive events at state, regional, and national levels. Selects U.S. teams to participate in international competitions. Programs include Roller Hockey, Artistic Roller Skating, and Roller Speed Skating.

See also:

Inline Hockey, page 49.

Rope Jumping

National Double Dutch League (1975)
P.O. Box 776
Bronx, NY 10451
David Walker, Founder
212/865-9606

Has organized local leagues for thousands of rope jumpers, sanctions local and regional events, and sponsors annual national championships.

Rowing

USRowing (1872)
Pan American Plaza, Suite 400
201 S. Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317/237-5656
FAX: 317/237-5646
Email: *USRowing@aol.com*
URL: *www.USRowing.org*

The national governing body for the sport of rowing in the United States. Most Juniors (ages 18 and younger) row through a school- or club-sponsored program.

Rugby

USA Rugby (1975)
3595 E. Fountain Boulevard, Suite M-2
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
719/637-1022
FAX: 719/637-1315
Email: *info@usarugby.org*
URL: *www.usarugby.org*

USA Rugby is the governing body for the sport of rugby in the United States. It is recognized by the International Rugby Board and is applying for recognition by the U.S. Olympic Committee. Youth rugby is a relatively new, but growing program, with about 150 youth clubs nationwide, primarily run by volunteers. Rugby is played by persons age 6 and older; for youth ages 14 and younger the game is noncontact, played with 7 players on the field. USA Rugby is increasing its focus on youth programs; coaching clinics and other resources are available.

Running and Fitness

American Running and Fitness Association (1968)
4405 East-West Highway, Suite 405
Bethesda, MD 20814
Barbara Baldwin, Information Services Director
800/776-2732
301/913-9517
FAX: 301/913-9520
Email: *arfarun@aol.com*
URL: *www.arfa.com*

A nonprofit educational association of runners that seeks to promote health and physical fitness among people of all ages. Promotes family fitness; distributes a fitness assessment tool and suggests activities to get children in shape and to help them stay that way into adulthood.

Skiing

U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association (1997)
1500 Kearns Boulevard, Building F
P.O. Box 100
Park City, UT 84060
Bill Marolt, Chief Executive Officer
801/649-9090
FAX: 801/649-3613
URL: *www.usskiteam.com*

The national governing body for competitive skiing in the United States. Coordinates competitions in Alpine, Jumping, Nordic Combined, Cross-Country, Freestyle, Snowboarding, and more. Selects U.S. national teams to participate in international competitions, coordinates events for recreational skiers, and administers youth programs and programs for adult competitors and disabled skiers. Formerly known as U.S. Skiing (1904).

Soap Box Derby

International Soap Box Derby (1933)
Derby Downs
P.O. Box 7233
Akron, OH 44306
Jeff Iula, General Manager
330/733-8723
FAX: 330/733-1370
Email: *2077607@mcimail.com*
URL: *www.pages.prodigy.com/soapbox*

A racing program for youth, with three divisions: Stock Car Division, ages 9–16 (cars can be constructed in about six hours), Super Stock Division, ages 10–16 (cars require more complex skills and may be constructed in about six hours), and Masters Division, ages 11–16 (cars are even more complex and require 100–200 hours to construct).

Soccer

American Youth Soccer Organization (1964)
12501 S. Isis Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250
Dick Wilson, National Executive Director
800/USA-AYSO (800/872-2976)
310/643-6455
FAX: 310/643-5310
Email: *webmaster@ayso.org*
URL: *www.soccer.org*

Youth compete in seven divisions based on age: younger than 6, younger than 8, younger than 10, younger than 12, younger than 14, younger than 16, and younger than 19. The VIP Division is for youth with physical and mental challenges.

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Soccer Association for Youth (1967)
4050 Executive Park Drive, Suite 100
Cincinnati, OH 45241
Sharon T. Flory, Executive Vice President
800/233-7291
513/769-3800
FAX: 513/769-0500

Organizes and supervises the play of youth soccer under specialized rules and regulations, including that team membership be determined in a random manner or by some other method that results in teams being balanced in ability level. Youth compete at seven levels: Preschool (ages 4–5), Passers (ages 6–7), Wings (ages 8–9), Strikers (ages 10–11), Kickers (ages 12–13), Minors (ages 14–15), and Seniors (ages 16–18). More than 80,000 players are organized in 14 states.

United States Youth Soccer Association (1974)
899 Presidential Drive, Suite 117
Richardson, TX 75081
Virgil Lewis, Chairman
800/4-SOCCER (800/476-2237)
972/235-4499
FAX: 972/235-4480
Email: *usysoccer@aol.com*
URL: *www.usysa.org*

The Youth Division of the U.S. Soccer Federation, which is the national governing body for soccer. Annually, more than 2.7 million young players are organized and compete through 55 member state associations. Provides rules and guidelines and other program supports; holds an annual exhibit show and workshop for administrators and coaches, and a national championship for youth.

USA CUP (1985)
1700 105th Avenue NE
Blaine, MN 55449
Teri Vogt, Tournament Director
Lisa Lind, Tournament Registrar
800/535-4730
612/785-5656
FAX: 612/785-5699
Email: *registrar@usacup.com*
URL: *www.usacup.com*

An international soccer tournament for teams of youth ages 11–19 held annually in July; 800 teams from across the United States and 25 other countries competed in 1997. Emphasizes making worldwide friendships based on a common interest in soccer.

Sports Acrobatics/Tumbling

United States Sports Acrobatics (1976)
P.O. Box 41356
Sacramento, CA 95841
Tonya Case-Patterson, President
916/488-9499
FAX: 916/488-9497
Email: *USAAcro@aol.com*

Sports acrobatics has seven disciplines. Men's and women's individual competitive tumbling exercises are performed on an 80-foot-long platform manufactured from fiberglass rods or springs. Men's and women's pair exercises and men's fours and women's trios are choreographed and performed to music on a gymnastics floor-exercise mat; they emphasize balance and/or tempo skills; group exercises include balance pyramids to demonstrate strength. USSA provides a developmental program for teaching youth basic skills in safe progression. Competitive events are offered at local, state, regional, and national levels. USSA selects the U.S. National team for international competitions and world championships. Participants in junior and senior elite events must be at least 11 years old.

USA Trampoline and Tumbling
P.O. Box 306
Brownfield, TX 79316-0306
Ann Sims, Executive Director
806/637-8670
FAX: 806/637-9046
Email: *usatt@aol.com*
URL: *www.usat-t.org*

The national governing body for trampoline and tumbling in the United States and a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Children and teens enter the program through membership in local clubs. The USATT Junior Olympic Development Program offers competitive activity for young people in classes for age 6-and-younger through age 18-and-older. Conducts Jr. Olympic competitions annually. Highly skilled young people may compete in Junior Elite or Senior Elite events at the national and international levels.

Surfing

National Scholastic Surfing Association (1978)
P.O. Box 495
Huntington Beach, CA 92648
Janice Aragon, Executive Director
714/536-0445
FAX: 714/960-4380
URL: *www.nssa.org*

Promotes the sport of surfing among students in elementary school through college, and organizes competitive events. Emphasizes "scholar-surfer" as an ideal; recognizes students with high GPAs.

Swimming/Diving

United States Diving, Inc. (1977)
Pan American Plaza, Suite 430
201 S. Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46225
317/237-5252
FAX: 317/237-5257
Email: *usdiving@aol.com*

Sponsors a competitive diving program for youth ages 5–18, who register through one of 42 affiliated associations.

United States Swimming, Inc. (1980)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5770
Chuck Wielgus, Executive Director
719/578-4578
FAX: 719/578-4669
Email: *Holly@usswim.org*
URL: *www.usswim.org/usswim*

The national governing body for competitive swimming in the United States. Selects U.S. national teams for international competitions. Conducts programs for ages 5 and older, and sanctions local, state, regional, national, and international competitions.

U.S. Synchronized Swimming, Inc. (1979)
Pan American Plaza, Suite 901
201 S. Capitol Avenue
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Debbie Hesse, Executive Director
317/237-5700
FAX: 317/237-5705
Email: *Webmaster@usasyncro.org*
URL: *www.usasyncro.org*

The national governing body for synchronized swimming in the United States. Most young people interested in the sport belong to an affiliated club in their local areas. Conducts an age-graded competitive program for youth ages 10 and up.

Table Tennis

U.S.A. Table Tennis (1933)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Margaret Smith, Operations Director
800/328-4788
719/578-4583
FAX: 719/632-6071
Email: *usatt@iex.net*
URL: *www.usatt.org*

The youth program is used in schools and in Boys and Girls Clubs of America throughout the United States. Runs a graded competitive program leading to the Junior Olympics.

Tae Kwon Do

United States Taekwondo Union, Inc. (1974)
One Olympic Plaza, Suite 405
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Michael L. Weintraub, Executive Director
719/578-4632
FAX: 719/578-4642
Email: *ustutkd1@aol.com*
URL: *www.ustu.com/taekwondo/*

Taekwondo was introduced in the United States in the 1960s and was admitted as a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee in 1984. Fifty million practitioners (4.5 million in the U.S.) engage in the sport in 140 countries. USTU, Inc., is the national governing body for the sport of Taekwondo; licensed by the U.S. Olympic Committee to operate the U.S. Junior Olympic Taekwondo Program for youth ages 6–16.

Conducts U.S. Taekwondo Championships, U.S. Collegiate Championships, U.S. Junior Olympic Taekwondo Championships, and U.S. Team Trials. Member of the U.S. Olympic Committee, World Taekwondo Federation, and Pan American Taekwondo Union. There are 2,000 affiliated schools and clubs in the United States.

Tennis

United States Tennis Association, Inc. (1881)
70 W. Red Oak Lane
White Plains, NY 10604
Harry A. Marmion, President and Chairman of the Board
914/696-7000
FAX: 914/696-7167
Email: *info@usta.com*
URL: *www.usta.com*

The national governing body for the sport of tennis in the United States. In addition to promoting tennis via the U.S. Open, the USTA works year-round to develop the sport by administering programs that, in essence, constitute much of this country's tennis activity: the school programs that introduce children to the sport; the junior tennis programs at parks and recreation centers; competitive leagues for adults; national championship events for all ages; and more.

U.S. Professional Tennis Association (1927)
One USPTA Centre
3535 Briarpark Drive
Houston, TX 77042
713/978-7782
FAX: 713/978-7780
Email: *sports@uspta.org*
URL: *www.uspta.org*

USPTA Little Tennis℠ is a comprehensive program for children, ages 3–10, that combines lessons, activities, league play, equipment, professionals, and activities in an enjoyable way. Children are introduced to tennis in a progressive format geared to their athletic development as they grow and learn. The program is based on age and ability, and each level includes skill objectives with corresponding lessons and activities. Individual tennis professionals can modify the program format to meet the needs of children with disabilities. USPTA Little Tennis℠ encourages the enjoyment of tennis and the development of a healthy lifestyle.

Track and Field

USA Track & Field (1979)
One RCA Dome, Suite 140
Indianapolis, IN 46225
Craig A. Masback, Chief Executive Officer
Mark Springer, Junior Olympics Administrator
317/261-0500
FAX: 317/261-0481
URL: *www.usatf.org*

The national governing body for track and field, long distance running, and race walking. Selects U.S. national teams for international competitions. Also conducts programs for youth in five age divisions: 10 and younger, 11-12, 13-14, 15-16, and 17-18. USATF Junior Olympics is a nationwide series of some 350 competitions where athletes progress from Preliminary Meets to Association Championships, Regional Championships, and a National Championship. USATF Youth Athletics is a stand-alone National Championship where athletes gain entry by meeting a qualifying standard.

Triathlon

Ironkids Bread Triathlon Series (1985)
Ironkids Bread
8400 Maryland Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63015
Elizabeth O'Leary, Sports Marketing Manager
888/IRONKID (888/476-6543)
URL: *www.ironkids.com*

The Ironkids Triathlon Series combines competitive swimming, biking, and distance-running for young people ages 7-14. Juniors (ages 7-10) swim 100 meters, bike for 5K and run for 1K. Seniors (ages 11-14) swim 200 meters; bike for 10K, and run for 2K. Relay teams of three members (one swimming, one biking, and one running) compete in both divisions. This triathlon is open to young wheelchair athletes.

USA Triathlon (1982)
3595 E. Fountain Boulevard, F-1
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Tim S. Yount, Deputy Director
719/597-9094
FAX: 719/597-2121
Email: *trifedusa@aol.com*
URL: *www.usatriathlon.org*

USA Triathlon is the national governing body for triathlon in the United States. Triathlon combines skills in running, swimming, and bicycling. Young triathletes compete at two levels: Youth, ages 7-16, and Juniors, ages 17-19. Elite level Junior competition involves a 1.5K swim, a 40K bike, and a 10K run. The U.S. Triathlon Junior Olympic competitions have spurred interest in the sport; a series of summer regional camps offer a variety of training opportunities.

Twirling/Cheerleading

National Baton Twirling Association, International (1945)
P.O. Box 266
Janesville, WI 53545
Don Sartell, President
608/754-2238
FAX: 608/754-1986

The original international baton twirling organization. Dedicated to the advancement of baton twirling as a wholesome, worthwhile, and beneficial youth activity.

National Cheerleaders Association (1948)
P.O. Box 660359
Dallas, TX 75266-0359
Elaine Morty
800/527-4422
FAX: 972/840-4010
URL: *www.nationalspirit.com*

Conducts camps and competitive events for youth ages 7–15, in cheerleading, drill, and pom-pom throughout the United States. Has some high school and college level programs.

United States Twirling Association, Inc. (1958)
P.O. Box 24488
Seattle, WA 98124
Kathy Forsythe, Executive Director
206/623-5623
FAX: 206/623-2847
Email: *twirlusta@sprintmail.com*
URL: *www.us-twirlingassoc.org*

Promotes baton twirling as both a recreational and competitive sport in the United States and internationally. Members are twirlers, coaches, and judges. Sanctions competitive events for members, and certification seminars for coaches and judges.

See also:

Pop Warner Football, page 46.

Volkssport

American Volkssport Association (1976)
Phoenix Square, Suite 101
1001 Pat Booker Road
Universal City, TX 78148
David Stewart, Executive Director
800/830-WALK (800/830-9255)
210/659-2112
FAX: 210/659-1212
URL: *www.ava.org*

The governing body for regional, state, and local Volkssport Clubs. Sponsors noncompetitive sports events, including walking, bicycling, swimming, and cross-country skiing. Not primarily a youth organization, but youth are encouraged to join; those younger than age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Volleyball

U.S.A. Junior Olympic Volleyball (mid-1970s)
U.S.A. Volleyball (1928)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Kerry Klostermann, Executive Director
88/US-VOLLEY (888/786-5539)
719/637-8300
FAX: 719/597-6307
Email: *info@usa-volleyball.org*
URL: *www.volleyball.org/usav*

The national governing body for the sport of volleyball in the United States. The youth program was developed in response to increased interest following the success of the U.S. team in the 1984 and 1988 Olympic Games. Youth Volleyball is run in conjunction with the United States Youth Volleyball League in four-person coed teams for 8–14-year-olds. Junior Olympic volleyball has fourteen divisions: Boys (18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, and 12 and younger) and Girls (18, 17, 16, 15, 14, 13, and 12 and younger).

Water Polo

USWP/National Development (1978)
U.S. Water Polo, Inc.
1685 W. Uintah
Colorado Springs, CO 80904
Dennis Fosdick, Development Chair
719/634-0699, ext. 13
FAX: 719/634-0866
Email: *uswpoffice@aol.com*
URL: *www.uswp.org*

U.S. Water Polo is the national governing body for the sport in the United States. Holds an annual national camp in December at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs for 100 athletes ages 12–14 and 30 intern coaches chosen by USWP zones. The emphasis is on teaching and learning to teach individual water polo skills such as passing, shooting, defense, and offense. Offers separate national youth programs for boys 18 and younger, and girls 18 and younger. Training camps offer three-tiered programs designed to upgrade the skills of both young athletes and coaches. Bronze camps are local and emphasize individual skills and learning more advanced/international systems of play. Silver camps serve to evaluate zones' bronze camp participants, selection of zone youth team identification of athlete nominees for Gold Camp, the National Junior Camp/Zone Coaches Training Camp held at the Olympic Training Center for 10 days in June and July. The U.S. team is selected to play in the North American Classic held each December. Elite athletes and coaches are selected to move up to USWP elite levels of play.

Water Skiing

American Water Ski Association/ USA Water Ski (1939)
799 Overlook Drive
Winter Haven, FL 33884
941/324-4341
FAX: 941/325-8259
Email: *qNIXONWSKI@worldnet.att.net*
URL: *www.usawaterski.org*

USA Water Ski is the national governing body for the sport in the United States. Offers sport development through grassroots program, the "Learn to Ski Challenge," a 15-step progression that leads to a certificate; offered in Slalom, Wakeboard, Barefoot, Tricks, and Kneeboarding. Offers summer camps with waterskiing programs affiliated with USA Water Ski; list of affiliated camps available. A "Kids Club" newsletter is sent out to children free. Programs are available for persons with disabilities.

Weightlifting

USA Weightlifting (1971)
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909-5764
George Greenway, Executive Director
719/578-4508
FAX: 719/578-4741
Email: *usaw@worldnet.att.net*
URL: *www.usaw.org*

The national governing body for Olympic-style weightlifting in the United States. Sanctions meets for members throughout the country. Provides support for the national Junior, Senior, and Women's teams that compete nationally and internationally.

Wrestling

U.S.A. Wrestling (1982)
6155 Lehman Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80918
Mark Scott, Director of State Services
719/598-8181
FAX: 719/598-9440
Email: *usaw@concentric.net*
URL: *www.usawrestling.org*

Offers U.S.A. Wrestling Kids Division for boys and girls ages 14 and younger, Cadet (ages 15-16), Junior (high school), Junior World (ages 17-20), and Senior Division (19 and older). Programs provided for beginners through post-college. All divisions have competitions up to the national championship level. Athletes who represent the United States in international competitions are selected for national teams from the four older divisions. Sponsors camps and clinics throughout the United States; provides educational programs for coaches. There are opportunities for girls and women to participate in all program divisions at all levels of competition.

Sports Programs for Youth with Disabilities

Disabled Sports USA (1967)
451 Hungerford Drive, Suite 100
Rockville, MD 20850
Kirk Bauer, Executive Director
301/217-0960
FAX: 301/217-0968
Email: *dsusa@dsusa.org*
URL: *www.dsusa.org/~dsusa/dsusa.html*

Sports include winter skiing (standing and sitting), track and field, swimming, volleyball (standing and sitting), power lifting, cycling, sailing, table tennis, lawn bowling, and archery. Conducts annual Learn to Ski and SKI SPECTACULAR for Disabled Skiers, in which youth may take part. Disabled Sports USA is the sanctioning body for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team and Alpine Junior Elite Ski Team. Local chapters have additional youth opportunities.

Dwarf Athletic Association of America (1985)
418 Willow Way
Lewisville, TX 75067
Janet Brown, Executive Director
972/317-8299
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
Email: *jfbda3@aol.com*

Conducts Futures Program for dwarf children ages 4-7, junior competitions for youth ages 7-15, and an open division for individuals ages 16 and older. Youth programs are available at local, regional, national, and international levels. Affiliated with the U.S. Olympic Committee, America's Athletes with Disabilities, and the Little People of America.

Special Olympics International (1968)
1325 G Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20005
Timothy P. Shriver, Ph.D., President and CEO
Kim Elliott, Chief Operating Officer
202/628-3630
FAX: 202/824-0200
Email: *specialolympics@msn.com*
URL: *www.specialolympics.org*

An international year-round program of sports training and competition for children and adults with mental retardation. More than one million athletes from 143 countries train and compete in 22 summer and winter sports, culminating in the biennial World Games. About 25,000 communities in the United States have Special Olympics activities, with programs established in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and American Samoa.

United States Cerebral Palsy Athletic Association
200 Harrison Road
Newport, RI 02840
Jerry McCole, Executive Director
401/848-2460
FAX: 401/848-5280
Email: *uscpaa@mail.bbsnet.com*
URL: *www.uscpaa.org*

Arranges youth competitions at national events. Programs include track and field, and swimming. Will make referrals to local programs.

U.S. Association of Blind Athletes (1976)

33 N. Institute Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Charlie Huebner, Executive Director
Mark Lucas, Assistant Executive Director
Kim Pittman, Director of Membership Services
Carolina Bayón, Director of Communications
719/630-0422
FAX: 719/630-0616
Email: *usaba@usa.net*
URL: *www.usaba.org*

Sports include swimming, Alpine/Nordic skiing, track and field, goal ball, power lifting, tandem cycling, wrestling, and judo. Training programs available for youth range from developmental through elite. Youth festivals are conducted annually. Athletes compete on national and international levels in the U.S. and abroad. Will make referrals to local groups.

U.S. Olympic Committee (1921)

Disabled Sports Services
One Olympic Plaza
Colorado Springs, CO 80909
Mark E. Shepherd Sr., Manager, Disabled Sports
719/578-4818
FAX: 719/578-4976
Email: *mark.shepherd@usoc.org*

The U.S. Olympic Committee's Disabled Sports Services office serves as a clearinghouse of information on sports programs for people with disabilities. The following six organizations are sanctioned by the USOC. A seventh organization, The American Athletic Association for the Deaf, does not currently sponsor activities for youth.

These groups serve as governing bodies for the selection of U.S. teams for international competitions. The Paralympic Games for disabled athletes were first conducted in connection with the Olympic Games of 1960 in Rome. With each succeeding Olympiad, the number of nations participating in the Paralympics has grown.

Wheelchair Sports, USA (1958)

3595 E. Fountain Boulevard, Suite L-1
Colorado Springs, CO 80910
Patricia I. Shepherd, Executive Director
719/574-1150
FAX: 719/574-0940
Email: *wsusa@aol.com*
URL: *www.wsusa.org*

Junior programs for athletes ages 5–19; weightlifting, ages 16–19. Sports include swimming, track and field, archery, table tennis, basketball, and weightlifting (for older youth). Local chapters may have additional programs.

See also:

Amateur Speedskating Union of the United States, page 48; **American Canoe Association,** page 41; **American Hearing Impaired Hockey Association,** page 47; **American Water Ski Association,** page 60; **American Sled Hockey Association,** page 47; **American Youth Soccer Organization,** page 54; **IronKids Bread Triathlon Series,** page 58; **Little League Baseball, Inc.,** page 37; **United States Bobsled & Skeleton Federation,** page 40; **United States Fencing Association,** page 45; **U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association,** page 54; **YMCA Youth Sports,** page 33; **Young American Bowling Alliance,** page 40.

Resources

National Youth Sports Safety Foundation, Inc. (1989)
333 Longwood Avenue, Suite 202
Boston, MA 02115
Michelle Glassman, Executive Director
617/277-1171
FAX: 617/277-2278
Email: *NYSSF@aol.com*
URL: *www.nyssf.org*

A nonprofit organization that works to promote the safety and well-being of children and adolescents who participate in sports. NYSSF seeks to reduce the number and severity of injuries sustained by youth in sports activities and provides educational resource materials for health professionals, program administrators, parents, coaches, and young athletes. It publishes *Sidelines*, a quarterly newsletter, low-cost fact sheets on topics related to sports safety and injuries, and guidelines for parents of young sports participants. A publication list and ordering information are available online at the Web site, or by mail (free when request is accompanied by a SASE).

North American Youth Sport Institute (1979)
4895 Oak Garden Drive
Kernersville, NC 27284
Dr. Jack Hutslar, Founder and CEO
800/767-4916
910/784-4926
Email: *JACK@NAYSI.com* or
JACKNAYSI@aol.com
URL: *www.NAYSI.com*

NAYSI/sportscene offers technical support and in-service educational activities (writing, editing, training, research, consulting) in all sports for youth leaders and parents in fitness, recreation, education, sport and health (FRESH). Includes consultant services, leader training, coaches' clinics, teaching workshops, speakers bureau, research center, and clearinghouse for youth sport-related information. Publishes *KIDbits: NAYSI Youth, Sport, Facts and Demographics* (annual); *Sport Scene* (quarterly); *Beyond X's and O's* (in English or Spanish); *NAYSI Compendium of Beach Games; Munchkin Tennis; NAYSI Resource List;* "How to Coach" correspondence courses in basketball, baseball, bowling, football, and softball; and other materials. A free resource list is available.

Online Resource

InfoSports - Youth Sports on the Web
www.infosprts.com

A general resource for athletes, coaches, and parents looking for the latest information on youth sports. Maintains online discussions of youth sports issues, message boards and linkages to other organizations and resources for baseball and softball, basketball, football and soccer. Provides additional linkages to organizations and resources related to hockey, roller hockey, wrestling and several other sports. Provides a tournament locator.

See:

American Camping Association, page 161; **Melpomene Institute for Women's Health Research,** page 173.

Civic Education and Political Organizations

Nonpartisan

American Student Council Association (1987)
National Association of Elementary School Principals
1615 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314-3483
Margaret Evans, Director of Student Services
703/684-3345
FAX: 703/549-5568
Email: *studentservices@naesp.org*
URL: *www.naesp.org*

Promotes participative government by helping elementary and middle schools establish and maintain effective student councils that can help create a better school environment and, at the same time, help students achieve goals and learn skills that will last a lifetime. Young people write their own constitutions, nominate candidates, and elect their own leaders. Publishes handbooks on starting a student council, a newsletter, and other supporting materials for students, advisors, and schools.

Boys State
Boys Nation (1935)
American Legion
Contact the American Legion Headquarters in your state

A model government program for high school juniors, chosen by their local American Legion Posts to acquaint youth with political processes and the way American government functions from the local up to the state level. Programs are sponsored by each state department of the American Legion, and inquiry should be made there. Two representatives from each state program are chosen to attend Boys Nation, a week-long study of the federal government held annually in Washington, DC.

Close Up Foundation (1970)
44 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314
800/256-7387
703/706-3300
FAX: 703/706-0000
Email: *hortond@closeup.org*
URL: *www.closeup.org*

A nonprofit, nonpartisan educational organization dedicated to the ideal that active, aware citizens are essential to a responsive government and a healthy community. Foundation programs seek to increase understanding of government operation and individual participation through involvement in the democratic process. Programs include: the Close Up Washington Program, which enables high school students and teachers to study for a week the process of government in Washington, DC; the Program for New Americans, a similar study visit complete with service-learning projects for recently immigrated students; the Pacific Basin Program, a six-day program for high school students conducted in Honolulu, Hawaii, focusing on economic, environmental, and national security issues in the Asia-Pacific region; and The Capital Experience program for middle-school students and teachers, featuring in-depth study visits to historic sites in the nation's capital.

Close Up also produces educational programs for the C-SPAN cable network and publishes a variety of instructional materials for civic education classes, including Active Citizenship Today (ACT) service-learning materials for middle school and high school students.

Congressional Youth Leadership Council (1985)

1511 K Street NW, Suite 842
Washington, DC 20005
202/638-0009
FAX: 202/638-5218
Email: *cylc@cylc.org*
URL: *www.cylc.org*

A nonpartisan, nonprofit, civic education organization that provides outstanding high school students with opportunities to study leadership, citizenship, and government in Washington, DC. Students admitted to CYLC programs must be juniors or seniors nominated by a school official as having leadership potential and the capacity to meet the challenges of the rigorous programs offered. Alumni of the National Young Leaders Conference, in conjunction with a school official, can also nominate qualified candidates. Students may elect to apply on their own through a competitive process of selection. CYLC programs include: the National Young Leaders Conference, The Washington Journalism, and The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference.

The National Young Leaders Conference is an elite leadership development program that includes discussion of major issues of the day with members of Congress, and simulations that help participants examine and understand the diverse concepts of the issues they encounter.

The Washington Journalism Conference provides aspiring journalists with the opportunity to learn firsthand about the news industry from distinguished print, radio, and television journalists, and to participate in all aspects of newspaper production.

The Presidential Youth Inaugural Conference is held every four years to enable alumni of the National Young Leaders Conference to witness the events of a presidential inauguration firsthand.

The CYLC Web site provides numerous civic education resources. "Taking Issue" is designed to help students "tune in" to legislative issues through articles written by members of Congress with contrasting views; selected student comments are also posted. There are additional resources for CYLC alumni and for educators. This site also includes hyperlinks to several educational, political, leadership, and activism Web sites.

Girls State (1938)
Girls Nation (1947)

American Legion Auxiliary
FAX: 317/636-5590
Email: *alahq@iquest.net*
URL: *www.legion-aux.org*
or contact the American Legion Auxiliary Headquarters in your state

A youth citizenship training program to provide practical experience in the processes of governments. While participants are high school juniors recommended by their schools, final selection is made by the local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Programs are sponsored by each state Auxiliary, and inquiry should be made through the state headquarters. Two representatives from each state program are chosen to attend Girls Nation.

Junior Statesmen of America (1934)

Junior Statesmen Foundation
60 E. 3rd Avenue, Suite 320
San Mateo, CA 94401-4032
Richard Prosser, Executive Director
800/334-5353
415/347-1600
FAX: 415/347-7200
Email: *jsa@jsa.org*
URL: *www.jsa.org/jsa*

An organization of high school students committed to preparing young leaders for active participation in democratic self-government. Through school-based chapters, regional conferences, and academic summer programs, this student-run organization helps young people develop the knowledge and skills necessary for active participation in public affairs. Also known as The Junior State.

NAACP Youth and College Division (1936)

4805 Mount Hope Drive
Baltimore, MD 21215-3297
Rev. Jamal-Harrison Bryant, Director, Youth and College Division
410/358-8900
FAX: 410/358-1607
URL: *www.naacp.org*

The Youth and College Division of the NAACP—National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (1909)—consists of over 60,000 youth members nationwide. It has approximately 600 youth councils, college chapters, and young adult councils that work to motivate and train youth for leadership, provide understanding of issues pertinent to social conditions, and develop organizational skills for community-related activities.

National Association of Student Councils (1931)

National Association of Secondary School Principals
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 22091
Rocco Marano, Director, Department of Student Activities
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
Email: *nasc@nassp.org*
URL: *www.nassp.org*

A federation of student councils in secondary and middle level schools. Promotes student government, provides direction for student activities, and fosters the improvement of student-teacher relationships.

National Council on Youth Leadership (1980)

689 Craig Road, Suite 10
St. Louis, MO 63141
Judy Lipsitz, Executive Director
800/477-NCYL (800/477-6295)
314/567-4818
FAX: 314/567-4197

A nonprofit organization that helps develop leadership skills among students in grades 10–12. Programs include: Youth Salutes, which recognizes high school students for overall contributions to their schools and communities; Town Meeting on Tomorrow, a leadership development program for students selected from among the Youth Salutes participants; and Win With Wellness, a program in which high school juniors learn about community health resources and use this information to promote healthy lifestyles among their peers.

Presidential Classroom Scholars Program (1968)

A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans, Inc.
119 Oronoco Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Tim McManus, Director of Marketing
800/441-6533
703/683-5400
FAX: 703/548-5728
Email: *prezclass@aol.com*
URL: *www.presidentialclassroom.org*

Provides access to the federal government and the people shaping public policy. Offers one-week programs in Washington, DC, for outstanding high school juniors and seniors. Students meet and question some of the country's most influential leaders, observe Congress in action, and visit the renowned sites of the nation's capital. Students also discuss the day's hot issues with other student leaders from across the country and abroad. Participants must have at least a B grade average or rank in the top 25 percent of their class, and must have the authorization of their school principal.

Special-focus weeks on Business, Labor, Science, Technology, Public Policy, and International Relations are offered. Sign language interpreters and wheelchair transportation are available for specific weeks.

YMCA Teen Leadership Programs (1936)

YMCA of the USA
Membership and Program Services
101 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
Andy Sullivan, Associate Director, Program Services
800/USA-YMCA (800/872-9622)
312/269-5472
FAX: 312/977-9063
Email: *sullivan@ymcausa.org*
URL: *www.ymca.net*

YMCAs offer programs for teens that provide opportunities to belong, to be heard, to express themselves, to develop leadership, and to have interaction with positive role models. Each YMCA is different in its approach and specific programs offered; some of the opportunities found most often include: Leaders Clubs, where young people learn leadership through service and social opportunities at the YMCA; "Y" Clubs that are sponsored by the YMCA but are operated in school settings; Earth Service Corps groups that have a service focus related to the environment; Black/Minority Achievers, mentoring programs with local adult community leaders; and Counselor-in-Training programs, conducted at YMCA day and resident camps. Most YMCAs also have teen centers and other facilities available. Their Youth in Government program, including Model U.N. and Judicial programs, provides opportunities for young people to learn about local, state, and federal government by becoming legislators, lobbyists, judges, attorneys, and ambassadors in model legislatures and judicial systems. For more information, contact your local YMCA or call the toll-free number to locate the YMCA nearest you.

Youth Leaders International (1996)

Alberts H. & Constance Saunders Foundation
YLI World Headquarters
4429 Faroe Place
Rockville, MD 20853
Michael L. Dixon, Executive Director
301/933-5211
FAX: 301/933-5419
Email: *infoyli@leaders.org*
URL: *www.leaders.org*

Youth Leaders International is a worldwide organization created to provide teens an opportunity to interact and gain world community experience at a level not found elsewhere. Young people may apply for membership when they are between the ages of 13 and 15, and, if accepted, begin a three-year program. They must have a school GPA of 3.0 or higher and already be a member of a school, church, or community organization. The first year is designed to enhance and strengthen personal and group leadership skills and concludes with qualifying members attending a two-week paid student exchange outside of their home country. The second year goal is to develop community awareness and commitment through activities and responsibilities to the community, concluding with summer travel related to a service project. Third year members take their prior experiences and use them to become true leaders. They conceive, develop, and implement local, national, and international activities and programs for first-year members. Although there is an annual membership fee and marginal travel fee, most of the expenses incurred by participants are underwritten by the sponsoring foundations. YLI interacts with and supports established organizations for students who are hearing impaired.

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Partisan

These associations are related to specific political parties or philosophies. Program content is directed toward the understanding and promotion of a partisan viewpoint.

Note: Many of the organizations in the Peace and Global Understanding Groups (see pages 71–77) and Ethnic Heritage Groups (see pages 123–130) sections also have strong political agendas.

College Democrats of America
430 S. Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Molly Morrison, CDA National President
Harold Powell, CDA National Vice President
202/479-5189
FAX: 202/488-5075
Email: *cda@democrats.org*
URL: *www.democrats.org/college_democrats/*

The student arm of the Democratic Party, CDA is a national organization working to expand and coordinate student involvement in the political process. With more than 800 chapters on college campuses nationwide, CDA's goals include registering voters and electing Democrats and fighting for student aid, affordable health care, a cleaner environment, and equal opportunity for all Americans.

FRONTLASH (1968)
815 15th Street NW, Room 506
Washington, DC 20006
202/783-3993
FAX: 202/783-3591
Email: *yaflcio@aol.com*

An organization of high school and college students that seeks to educate youth on their rights in the workplace and in the principles of the labor movement, and to unite their energies in support of social progress. A support group of the AFL-CIO; chapters work closely with state and local union leaders. Education efforts direct particular attention to issues that affect youth, such as minimum wage, child labor laws, cuts in education funding, and the importance of buying American-made products. Encourages active participation in the political process.

The Humphrey Forum
301 19th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55455
612/624-5893
FAX: 612/625-3513
Email: *ssandell@hhh.umn.edu*

A museum of 20th-century American politics featuring Hubert Humphrey's generation, the Forum serves as a vigorous center of public affairs education for a network of relationships among area schools, colleges, and universities, other museums, civic groups, and community organizations.

The Forum offers classes for elementary and secondary school students; publishes *Nineteenth Avenue*, for junior-high students; collaborates with the *Star Tribune* to publish Minnesota Youth News; and produces news segments for a local radio station.

National Teen Age Republican Headquarters (1965)
10620 C Crestwood Drive
P.O. Box 1896
Manassas, VA 22110
Barbara Wells, National Director
703/368-4214
FAX: 703/368-0830

Educates teens in principles of free enterprise, constitutional government, and patriotism. Offers training in the techniques of precinct organization to help elect Republican candidates for office. Holds an annual Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. Some areas have Sub-Teen Age Republicans (STARS) groups for youth ages 9–12.

National Traditionalist Caucus (1970)
P.O. Box 971, G.P.O.
New York, NY 10016
Don Rosenberg, National Chairman
212/685-4689
FAX: same as phone number (call first)

A program for junior and senior high and college students that stresses patriotism, conservative values, anti-communism, and free enterprise. The Reach for the Stars program awards young Hollywood entertainers who promote a positive image. Publishes *Excalibur* (quarterly).

Spartacus Youth League (1971)
c/o Spartacus Youth Publications
P.O. Box 3118
New York, NY 10008
Alison Spencer, Secretary
212/732-7860

Committed to building a revolutionary socialist movement of working-class youth. The youth group of the Spartacus League/U.S. Spartacus Youth Clubs are sponsored by local branches of the Spartacist League, and are for young people ages 15–30.

Young America's Foundation (1969)
110 Elden Street
Herndon, VA 22070
Ron Robinson, President
703/318-9608
FAX: 703/318-9122
Email: *yaf@yaf.org*
URL: *www.yaf.org*

A service organization for politically conservative high school and college students. Provides free books and posters, gives assistance in bringing speakers to campuses, holds an annual essay contest, and conducts a nationwide lecture program, regional weekend conferences, and the annual National Conservative Student Conference.

Young Communist League of the United States of America (1983)
235 W. 23rd Street, 6th Floor
New York, NY 10011
David Mirtz, National Coordinator
212/741-2016
FAX: 212/645-5436
Email: *ycl@yclusa.org*
URL: *www.yclusa.org*

A multiracial organization that provides high school and college students ages 14 and older, both young workers and unemployed, with opportunities to learn about socialism and why capitalism cannot solve the problems of unemployment, racism, war, hunger, homelessness, lack of educational opportunities, and the many other ills young people face. Fights for a socialist alternative in the United States. Seeks to unite young people in the struggle for social equality, the well-being of working people, an end to the international arms race, and the preservation of the world's endangered ecosystem.

Young Democratic Socialists of America (1982)
180 Varick Street, 12th Floor
New York, NY 10014
Kevin Pranis
Youth Section Field Coordinator
212/727-8610
FAX: 212/727-8616
Email: *dsa@dsausa.org*
URL: *www.dsausa.org*

An organization of students and youth to age 31. Works to protect and expand the rights of workers, women, minorities, and all people; to encourage democratic social planning; and to achieve a more equitable distribution of the nation's wealth.

Young Democrats of America (1932)
c/o Democratic National Committee
430 S. Capitol Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Kim Kiely, YDA President
202/863-8000

Seeks to foster democratic ideals and causes, and to promote the aims of the Democratic Party among youth. Members are younger than age 36. The goals of YDA are: to elect Democratic candidates; to encourage young people to become active members of the Democratic Party; to support the ideals of the Democratic Party at all levels of government; and to provide young people with the skills and experiences they will need to lead the nation.

Young Republican National Federation (1931)
310 First Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Monica Samuels, National Chairman
202/608-1417
FAX: 202/608-1430
URL: *www.yrnf.org*

Seeks to further the aims of the Republican Party among people ages 18–40. Holds an annual Spring Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.

Young Socialists (1912)
1573 N. Milwaukee Avenue, #478
Chicago, IL 60622
773/772-0551
Email: *105162.605@compuserve.com*
URL: *pages.prodigy.com/AHSG60C/index.html*

An international organization of young workers and students fighting for socialism. Seeks to draw all young people toward the working class and toward reaching communist conclusions about the world. Members are engaged in study and struggle and are inspired by revolutionaries like Malcolm X, Ché Guevara, Nelson Mandela, Fidel Castro, Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels, Vladimir Lenin, Leon Trotsky, and Rosa Luxemburg. At the center of their campaigns is the defense of the Cuban revolution.

Resource

The Center for Democracy and Citizenship (1989)
Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs
301 19th Avenue S.
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Harry C. Boyte, Director
612/625-0142
FAX: 612/625-3513

Based at the University of Minnesota's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, the Center for Democracy and Citizenship aims at developing a framework, strategies, tools, and examples of how people can become "productive citizens" once again—i.e., serious creators and players who engage in the public work of a democratic commonwealth, not simply helpers, voters, volunteers, or complainers. The Center places special emphasis on work with youth. Its youth initiative, Public Achievement, has become a national project called "Citizenship in the Heartland." Public Achievement was recently featured as a national model for youth civic engagement by the National Commission on Civic Renewal.

The Center has a broad mission that emphasizes field research tied to theory-building, in a co-creative relationship with community partners. In 1996, the Center joined with a settlement house in St. Paul, MN, to create the Jane Addams School for Democracy, a multi-generational setting where Hmong and Latino residents, as well as college students, University faculty, and settlement house staff, work together with their children. In addition to its youth work, the Center provides training and technical assistance, manuals, and "how-to's."

Center for Living Democracy
RR1, Black Fox Road
Brattleboro, VT 05301
802/254-1234
FAX: 802/254-1227
URL: *www.livingdemocracy.org*

The Center supports the active practice of democracy in every dimension of public life; it believes that democracy must become not something we have, but what we do. It focuses national attention on democratic breakthroughs so that they become the new standard by which we as a people measure our progress; links innovators by disseminating democratic "learning tools" to help citizens learn from each other's triumphs and setbacks; and creates learning opportunities through workshops and seminars in the key concepts and arts of effective public life. Catalogue of materials available (some free or at low cost).

Peace and Global Understanding Groups

AFS International Intercultural Programs (1947)
198 Madison Avenue, 8th Floor
New York, NY 10016
Alex Plinio, President
800/AFS-INFO (800/237-4636)
212/299-9000
Email: *afsinfo@afs.org*
URL: *www.afs.org/us*

Promotes international exchange of high school students from over 60 countries. Offers year-long, semester, and summer programs, as well as programs for recent graduates. Most students live with host families. Some programs include group living based on a specific interest such as language or cultural study, outdoor activities, or environmental study. AFS is supported by a network of more than 5,000 local chapters worldwide.

American Friends Service Committee Youth Programs (1917)
1501 Cherry Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
Helene Pollock, Coordinator
215/241-7295
FAX: 215/241-7247

Offers summer work camps and service opportunities in Mexico and Cuba for young adults ages 18–26; must speak Spanish. Volunteers work in remote villages, improving and constructing schools and other community facilities and helping with agricultural projects. Work lasts about seven weeks in Mexico and three weeks in Cuba (Note: Cuba program not available in Summer 1998 but may be reinstated in 1999). Participants are responsible for all travel costs and a contribution of $900 (Mexico) that covers the cost of training, health and accident insurance, meals, and accommodations. Limited scholarship aid may be available. Annual application deadline is April 1. Some paid positions are available. Annual application deadline for these is March 15.

Amigos de las Americas (1965)
5618 Star Lane
Houston, TX 77057
Megan McTiernan, Volunteer Coordinator
800/231-7796
713/782-5290
FAX: 713/782-9267
Email: *info@amigoslink.org*
URL: *www.amigoslink.org*

An international, nonprofit, private voluntary organization that provides leadership development opportunities for youth in the United States, improved community health for the people of Latin America, and a cross-cultural understanding between people of both hemispheres. Volunteers experience leadership training, while serving in community health projects in Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. Living and working in remote villages and semi-urban communities, volunteers inoculate people against communicable diseases, vaccinate dogs against rabies, teach community sanitation, construct latrines, teach dental hygiene, and distribute toothbrushes. Since 1965, more than 18,000 volunteers have performed millions of health services in 15 Latin American countries.

Amnesty International (1990)
National Field Program
1118 22nd Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
Ellen Dorsey, National Field Director
202/775-5161
FAX: 202/775-5992
Email: *edorsey@aiusa.org*
URL: *www.amnesty-usa.org*

Amnesty International (AI) is a global grassroots movement. It serves as a power base for individuals working to bring an end to the grave violations of people's fundamental human rights. AI operates independent of any government, political faction, ideology, economic interest, or religious creed. The actions of more than one million individuals give AI the leverage to be the most effective human rights organization in the world.

AI-USA's National Student Program consists of more than 1,500 student groups in middle schools, high schools, colleges and universities across the country. Student activists in AI-USA organize, educate, and mobilize their campus communities in the struggle for human rights. AI members send letters, cards, telegrams, and faxes on behalf of individual prisoners to government officials. Constant action generates effective pressure. Student groups organize public meetings, collect signatures for petitions and arrange publicity events such as vigils and demonstrations. Student groups also work on various major campaigns and Urgent Actions, as well as numerous AI projects. In addition to letter-writing, student groups are active in promoting AI through Amnesty concerts, lobby days, human rights internships, participating in the annual National Day of Student Action, and other human rights educational events.

Student groups receive monthly mailings and action materials on an ongoing basis. For information on individual memberships, call 1-800/AMNESTY. For information on the National Student Program and starting an AI student chapter, use the contact information above.

Anti-Defamation League (1913)
A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute
823 United Nations Plaza
New York, NY 10017
212/490-2525
FAX: 212/490-0187
URL: *www.adl.org*

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) was founded in 1913 "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people" and "to seek justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike." Through advocacy, research, fact-finding, and the development and dissemination of human relations materials, staff development, and consultation, ADL fights bigotry in every form. The WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute is the culmination of ADL's experience working with schools to promote intergroup understanding and our country's democratic ideals. Its programs provide practical, experiential, hands-on training with skills to challenge prejudice and discrimination, to foster intergroup understanding, and to equip participants to live and work successfully and civilly in a diverse environment. For more information about the WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Institute or a free catalog of human relations materials, contact the ADL.

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Children's Edition

Urgent Action Network (1987)
Amnesty International
P.O. Box 1270
Nederland, CO 80466-1270
Ellen Moore, Assistant Program Coordinator
303/440-0913
FAX: 303/258-7881

An ongoing letter-writing program for youth in grades 4–9. Groups are organized through Sunday schools, youth organizations, and school classes; middle and junior high school students may also join as individuals. Leaders receive a specially written *Urgent Action Case Sheet* monthly (where possible, cases involve children or youth, or those who work on their behalf). Also available: *Literacy Edition*, a plainly written case sheet concerning victims in danger of maltreatment by police or military, usually for their nonviolent union, community, or political work. Amnesty International provides supporting materials that supplement the case sheets.

City at Peace, Inc. (1994)

3305 8th Street NE
Washington, DC 20007
Rose Wheeler, Executive Director
Asante Scott, Associate Executive Director
202/529-2828
FAX: 202/529-1654
Email: *CityPeace@aol.com*

Uses the performing arts to affect change in the lives of youth. Promotes cross-cultural understanding, trains young people in peaceful conflict resolution, and empowers youth to create and communicate resolutions to personal, community, and national conflicts. Shares young people's visions, concerns, and solutions with parents, teachers, and local and national leaders; seeks to develop the next generation of leaders and artists. The creative process involves youth-directed discussions of issues they face in their daily lives, workshops on subjects such as conflict resolution, and training in theater, dance, and music. Currently operates in the Washington, DC, metropolitan region.

Council on International Educational Exchange (1947)*

205 E. 42nd Street
New York, NY 10017
Stevan Trooboff, President and CEO
888/COUNCIL (888/268-6245)
Email: *Info@ciee.org*
URL: *www.ciee.org/*

A nonprofit membership organization that develops and administers a wide variety of study, work, travel, and volunteer service programs for American and international students at the secondary, undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels. Publishes *The High School Student's Guide to Study, Travel and Adventure Abroad*, which describes over 200 opportunities worldwide for youth ages 12–18; *Smart Vacations: The Traveler's Guide to Learning Adventures Abroad*; and *Volunteer! The Comprehensive Guide to Voluntary Service in the U.S. and Abroad*. A magazine, *Student Travels*, is published twice annually. Through its subsidiary company, Council Travel, and affiliated and cooperating organizations, the Council also provides a wide range of services to facilitate student and youth travel. *Unable to obtain current information.*

Fellowship of Reconciliation (1915)

P.O. Box 271
Nyack, NY 10960
Jo Becker, Executive Director
Paige Wilder, Youth/Nonviolence Training Coordinator
914/358-4601
FAX: 914/358-4924
Email: *forpti@apc.igc.org*

A spiritually based network of people committed to active nonviolence as a means of personal, social, and political change. FOR's Peacemaker Training Institute (PTI) is an intensive training program designed for ages 17–25. The Institute brings together diverse groups of youth to learn about active nonviolence and to strengthen their leadership and practical organizing skills. Trainings held across the country offer nonviolent strategies to deal with peace and social justice issues, opportunities to network with other youth, leadership organization and conflict resolution skills, and interaction with experienced activists. Training sessions last a week or longer.

Heifer Project International (1944)
International Office
1015 Louisiana Street
Little Rock, AR 72202
Jo Luck, Executive Director
Tom Peterson, Director of
  Communications
800/422-1311
501/376-6836
FAX: 501/376-8906
Email: *project@heifer.org*
URL: *www.heifer.org*

A nonprofit, interfaith organization helping to alleviate world hunger by providing animals to organized groups of farmers who request assistance. The basic unit of HPI work is a community project shaped and driven by the expressed needs of the participants. Projects help the environment through tree- and grass-planting and soil conservation, and they usually consist of three essential components: livestock and material goods, training and extension work, and organization development. Each person who receives an animal also receives training in its care; each participant must "pass on the gift" by giving one or more of the animal's offspring to a needy neighbor, or share the new skills in animal care with others in the community. There are currently more than 300 Heifer Projects in the United States and three dozen other countries.

Legacy International (1977)
Global Youth Village
Route 4, Box 265
Bedford, VA 24523
Mary Helmig, Director
540/297-5982
FAX: 540/297-1860
Email: *youthvillage@legacyintl.org*
URL: *www.legacyintl.org*

An educational organization offering programs for youth ages 11–18 and adults from more than 25 different countries. The participants receive training in cross-cultural understanding, global issues, leadership, community action, conflict resolution, and environmental awareness. Summer workshops are offered; call for an invitation.

Little Friends for Peace
4405 29th Street
Mount Rainier, MD 20712
Mary Joan Park, Director
301/927-5474
FAX: 202/898-1449
Email: *jpark@capaccess.org*

A peacemaking skills education program for young children, available to churches, schools, and community organizations. Includes day and resident camp programs. Provides consultation and resources, including *Peacemaking for Little Friends*, *Creating a Peace Experience*, *A Guide to Children's Peacemaking: Skills for Building a Hopeful Future*, and *Family Peacemaking*.

The National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness (1985)
11965 Venice Boulevard, #408
Los Angeles, CA 90066
Julie Miles, Director
800/NO-HUNGR (800/664-8647)
310/397-5270, ext. 323
FAX: 310/391-0053
Email: *NSCAH@aol.com*
URL: *www.pirg.org/nscahh*

A cooperative venture between the student Public Interest Research Groups (PIRGs) and USA for Africa, this is the nation's largest network of student activists seeking to alleviate hunger and homelessness. Primarily for high school and college students, but also works with highly motivated junior high school groups. Sponsors annual Hunger Cleanup, a work-a-thon through which students improve their own communities as well as raise funds for the impoverished, and Hunger and Homelessness Week; holds national conference. Publishes organizing manuals and *Students Making a Difference* newsletter (quarterly).

Open Door Student Exchange (1963)
839 Stewart Avenue, Suite D
Garden City, NY 11530-4857
Dr. Frank Tarsitano, Executive Vice President
516/745-6232
FAX: 516/745-6233
Email: *frank@opendoor.org*

An international educational exchange organization that provides intercultural learning opportunities for American and foreign high school students and their families. Programs for U.S. students include overseas school/intern/home stays of varying length with host families in over 30 countries. Scholarships are available.

Peace Education Foundation (1980)
1900 Biscayne Boulevard
Miami, FL 33132
John Mazzarella, President
800/749-8838
305/576-5075
FAX: 305/576-3106
URL: *www.PEACE.ED.org*

Teaches young people how to "fight fair"—by managing conflicts without the use of violence. Develops materials (teaching guides and videos) and provides training to teachers and youth group personnel; strives to build conflict-resolution skills as lifeskills, useful at home, at school, and on the job. Materials enable youth to resolve conflicts effectively and nonviolently, learn ways to handle frustration and anger, practice conflict resolution strategies, respect human differences, understand the dynamics of conflict, develop positive interpersonal skills, and explore conflict as a positive force for change. Students are also trained as peer mediators, to whom other students can take their disputes and arrive at a fair agreement. A list of publications and materials is available.

World Federalist Association (1947)
418 7th Street SE
Washington, DC 20003
Student Programs Division
800/WFA-0123 (800/932-0123)
202/546-3950
FAX: 202/546-3749
Email: *wfa@wfa.org*
URL: *www.wfa.org*

WFA has 70 active adult and 20 student chapters around the country and is part of a worldwide movement promoting a just world order through a strengthened and more democratic United Nations. Low-cost student memberships are available. Members receive four newsletters from the national office each year.

World Learning (1932)

Kipling Road
P.O. Box 676
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0676
Judy Mello, President
Annie Thompson, Experiment
Enrollment Director
802/257-7751
FAX: 802/258-3248
URL: *www.worldlearning.org*

A worldwide organization whose mission is to enable participants to develop the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to contribute effectively to international understanding and global development. Programs include summer stays for high school through undergraduate and graduate students; The Experiment in International Living; and semesters abroad for college students offered at the School for International Training.

World Vision (1950)

P.O. Box 9716
Federal Way, WA 98063-9716
Public Relations Department
253/815-1000
FAX: 253/815-3446
Email: *info@wvus.org*
URL: *www.worldvision.org*

An international Christian relief and development agency with more than 4,500 projects in more than 103 countries with offices throughout the world. Provides emergency relief for victims of national and human-made disasters. Also offers development assistance for individuals and communities with the aim of promoting self-reliance.

World Vision donors help more than one million children enrolled in sponsorship projects around the globe. The overall aim is to convey Christian love in actions and Christian witness in deeds and words.

Conducts the 30 Hour Famine, an annual international hunger-fighting program through which participants, mostly teens, recruit family members and friends who sponsor them to go without food for 30 hours. During this time, young people experience firsthand the reality of hunger while they learn about the issues of hunger and poverty through educational activities, videos, and resource materials provided by World Vision. Schools, churches, youth groups, community organizations, families, and individuals have participated in the program. (For information, call 1-800/FAMINE or contact via the Web: *www.30hourfamine.org*)

Youth Exchange Program (1974)

Rotary International
1560 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-3698
Jennifer McPherson, Program
Coordinator, Intercultural Programs
Section
847/866-3421
FAX: 847/328-8554
URL: *www.rotary.org*

Offers youth ages 15–19 opportunities for long- and short-term exchanges between any two countries in which there are Rotary Clubs. Long-term programs last for an academic year, during which the student lives with more than one family and attends school in the host country; short-term exchanges vary from several days to several weeks, often during periods when schools are not in session. In 1996, more than 7,000 young people were hosted by more than 69 countries and regions. Applicants are selected by a sponsoring Rotary Club on the basis of a written application and a personal interview. For information about other youth programs of Rotary International, see Interact, pages 111–112, and Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, page 113.

Youth For Understanding International Exchange (1951)
International Center
3501 Newark Street NW
Washington, DC 20016-3167
Peter R. Engebretson, Executive Vice President
800/TEENAGE (800/833-6243)
202/966-6800
FAX: 202/895-1104
Email: *pio@yfu.org*
URL: *www.yfu.org*

A nonprofit international exchange program for high school students ages 15–18 in approximately 30 countries around the world. Ten regional offices in the United States and national offices in 50 other countries provide support services to youth and families involved in the program. Has developed a series of training programs in volunteer management and program promotion techniques. Originally intended to improve the skills of the volunteers who work with students and host families, the training videos and materials may be purchased for use by other agencies. The programs focus on increasing intercultural sensitivity and awareness; each involves 35–40 hours of training.

See also:

World Future Society, pages 182-183; **Youth for Christ/U.S.A., Inc.**, page 89.

Character-Building Organizations

These groups provide comprehensive programs aimed at the development of the "whole child." They are open to all members of the community.

Boy Scouts of America (1910)
1325 W. Walnut Hill Lane
Irving, TX 75015-2079
Jere B. Ratcliffe, Chief Scout Executive
972/580-2000
FAX: 972/580-2141
URL: *www.bsa.scouting.org*

An educational program for boys and young adults that builds character, trains in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and develops personal fitness. Community groups receive national charters to use the Scouting program as part of their own youth work. These groups, which have goals compatible with those of the BSA, include religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, and labor organizations, government bodies, corporations, professional associations, and citizens' groups.

Camping, high adventure, and international opportunities are available. Includes Tiger Cubs (grade 1), Cub Scouts (grades 2–3), Webelos (grades 4–5), Boy Scouts (ages 11–18), Varsity Scouts (ages 14–18), and Exploring, for young men and women ages 15–20 (see page 20).

The BSA also operates a wholly owned subsidiary, **Learning for Life**, which offers a curriculum designed as a supplemental school program for character development through helping to build confidence, motivation, and self-esteem.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America (1860/1906)

1230 West Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30309
Roxanne Spillett, President
404/815-5700
FAX: 404/815-5789
URL: *www.bgca.org*

Comprised of more than 1,850 member clubs throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Europe, and Asia. The nation's largest youth service organization with a primary focus on youth development directed especially toward young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Programs and services are provided on a daily basis for youth ages 6–18. Nominal membership dues are charged.

The organization program has seven core areas: Personal and Character Development; Social Recreation; Citizenship and Leadership Development; The Arts; Health and Physical Education; Educational and Technology Development; and Outdoor and Environmental Education. Clubs provide specialized services and programs focused on social issues, depending on community need and available resources.

Camp Fire Boys and Girls (1910)

4601 Madison Avenue
Kansas City, MO 64112-1278
Stewart J. Smith, National Executive Director
816/756-1950
FAX: 816/756-0258
Email: *info@campfire.org*
URL: *www.campfire.org*

Camp Fire Boys and Girls provides coeducational programs for more than 670,000 participants throughout the United States. Through its 128 councils, the organization provides programs and activities tailored to each community's needs. Programs include mentoring opportunities through community clubs and environmental education through camping. Other activities include an in-school community service curriculum and child care, as well as programs designed specifically for urban youth and teens.

Co-Ette Club (1941)

2020 W. Chicago Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48206
Mary-Agnes Miller Davis, M.S.W., C.S.W., Executive Sponsor
313/867-0880

An organization for leadership training and community service for high school girls. Activities and programs stress involvement in national and local charitable, civic, educational, and cultural causes. Founded in Detroit, where its national headquarters remains; operations are mostly in the Detroit area. Sponsors an annual Teen Conference and provides service to an adopted inner-city elementary school. Since 1954, the club's national project has been the United Negro College Fund. Club members have raised more than $50,000. Co-Ette is the only American high school organization to be a national benefactor for the Fund throughout this period.

Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service (1914)

Families, 4-H and Nutrition (1914)
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Washington, DC 20250
Dr. Alma C. Hobbs, Deputy Administrator
202/720-2908
FAX: 202/690-2469
Email: *4H-usa@reeusda.gov*
URL: *www.4H-usa.org*

A coeducational program for urban and rural youth ages 9–19. This partnership of the USDA, land-grant universities, local governments, and the private sector is committed to strengthening the nation's food and fiber agricultural systems, and the American family by helping young people attain the knowledge, skills, and technology needed to create a satisfying quality of life within available resources.

The program will vary from state to state, but will always include leadership development, competitive events, demonstrations, and public speaking. Most states offer camping as well as international programs and exchanges.

Other youth groups can obtain services through the Cooperative Extension Service. Contact your local county extension agent, or call the 4-H Youth Development Office at your state's land-grant university.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. (1912)
420 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10018-2702
Marsha Johnson Evans, Executive Director
212/852-8000
FAX: 212/852-6514
Email: *admin@bbs.gsusa.org*
URL: *www.girlscouts.org*

An education program that seeks to prepare girls ages 5–17 for life in a changing and pluralistic society. Programs emphasize the development of individual potential and relationships with others, the development of values to guide action and decision-making, and the importance of contributing to the betterment of society. The Issues for Girls program provides information and activities to help girls cope with daily life.

Camping programs, wider opportunities, and international experiences are available. Program levels include: Daisy Girl Scouts (ages 5–6 or grades K–1); Brownie Girl Scouts (ages 6–8 or grades 1–3); Junior Girl Scouts (ages 8–11 or grades 3–6); Cadette Girl Scouts (ages 11–14 or grades 6–9); and Senior Girl Scouts (ages 14–17 or grades 9–12).

Girls Incorporated (1945)
30 E. 33rd Street
New York, NY 10016
Isabel C. Stewart, National Executive Director
800/221-2606
212/689-3700
FAX: 212/683-1253
Email: *HN3578@handsnet.org*
URL: *www.girlsinc.org*

National Resource Center (1981)
441 W. Michigan Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202
Heather Johnston Nicholson, Director
317/634-7546

Girls Incorporated is a national nonprofit organization that serves 350,000 girls and young women ages 6–18 through 138 affiliates at more than 900 sites. Programs include Preventing Adolescent Pregnancy, a multifaceted approach that motivates girls to avoid early pregnancy; Friendly PEERsuasion, which deters elementary and junior high school girls from alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use; Operation SMART, which enhances girls' interest in science, math, and relevant technology; Sporting Chance, which encourages girls' participation in sports and fitness; AIDS/HIV Education Project, which integrates information about AIDS/HIV into health and sexuality education programs; and Kid-Ability, which aims to prevent child sexual abuse.

The National Resource Center serves as the research, training, and distribution arm, and is the nation's main clearinghouse for information on girls' issues.

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership [HOBY] (1958)
10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 410
Los Angeles, CA 90024
310/474-4370
FAX: 310/475-5426
URL: *www.hoby.org*

Provides leadership seminars to selected high school sophomores. The seminars are designed to allow these future leaders—the HOBY Ambassadors—to meet with recognized leaders in business, government, science, education, and the professions. Seminars take place at the local and state levels. Alumni associations carry on the same format in many locations and provide community service. Leadership Seminars are provided at no cost to the student, family, or school.

Jack and Jill of America, Inc. (1938)
2802 Gulfstream Court
Orlando, FL 32801
Barbara Newton, Executive Secretary
407/843-6132
FAX: 407/422-7071

Memberships are held by mothers with children ages 2–19 (who are automatically enrolled); local chapters select member families from their geographic areas. The program promotes awareness of community needs and stimulates cultural, civic, recreational, and social growth.

Lions Youth Outreach Program (1993)
Lions Clubs International
Attn: Youth Programs Department
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
Denise Whistler, Youth Outreach Coordinator
630/571-5466, ext. 330
FAX: 630/571-8890
URL: *www.lionsclubs.org*

The mission of the Lions Youth Outreach program is to help and challenge young people to learn, achieve, and serve. Major emphasis is given to substance abuse prevention and youth volunteer opportunities.

Lions Clubs around the world also sponsor school-based substance abuse and violence-prevention programs. Lions-Quest Skills for Growing, Skills for Adolescence, and Skills for Action programs promote the skills needed for youth in grades K–12 to lead positive, healthy lives. Through participation in these programs, young people learn how to resolve conflicts peacefully, say no to alcohol and other drug abuse, and grow into socially responsible adults.

See also:

Leo Club Program, pages 112–113.

National Association of Youth Clubs (1930)
5808 16th Street NW
Washington, DC 20011
Carole A. Early, Headquarters Secretary
202/726-2044
FAX: 202/726-0026
URL: *www.webspawner.com*, then search for NACWC

These community-based clubs for youth ages 8–18 are sponsored by local affiliates of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. Individual club programs are developed locally within national guidelines. The organization promotes character development and community service, and sponsors oratorical, fashion, talent, and arts and crafts contests at the state, regional, and national levels.

National Tots and Teens, Inc. (1954)
P.O. Box 1517
Washington, DC 20013-1517
202/723-5680
Gwendolyn H. Joe, Executive Secretary
Rosalyn Wilcots, Director of Publications
301/292-4999

An organization of families—parents and youth ages 3–19—who believe that the family is the critical setting for influencing positive pursuits and instilling values that produce full and effective participants in society. Youth members are encouraged to develop public speaking and leadership skills, with particular emphasis on organizing and implementing community service projects. Membership is received through local chapters, most in major U.S. cities.

Woodcraft Rangers (1922)
2111 Park Grove Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90007
Cathie Mostovoy, Executive Director
Emily Wheeler-Hirasuna, Youth Director
213/749-3031
FAX: 213/749-0409

Provides after-school activities and camping programs for children in the Los Angeles area, with a focus on children with limited opportunities.

YMCA of the USA (1851)
101 N. Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60606
David Mercer, Executive Director
800/USA-YMCA (800/872-9622)
FAX: 312/977-9063
Email: *sheppard@ymcausa.org*
URL: *www.ymcausa.org*

Dedicated to putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind, and body for all. Local YMCAs are autonomous, so programs will vary. National youth programs include parent-child Guide (boys) and Princess (girls) programs for youth in kindergarten through grade 3, and Trailblazers for youth in grade 4 through junior high. High school club programs emphasize leadership development (see YMCA Teen Leadership Programs, page 67). Most Ys now offer school-age childcare programs emphasizing total child development; the YMCAs collectively form the nation's largest provider of school-age child care. Most YMCAs offer a range of year-round and/or summer resident and day camping programs, as well as aquatics and fitness programs (see YMCA Youth Sports, page 33). Many also provide teen drop-in centers and settings for informal dances and gatherings. The Community Resources Division offers programs and services to low-income youth and families. YMCA programs are designed to implement the asset-building model developed by Search Institute.

YWCA of the USA (1855)
350 5th Avenue, 3rd Floor, Suite 301
New York, NY 10118
Dr. Prema Mathai-Davis, CEO
212/273-7800
FAX: 212/465-2281
Email: *HN2062@handsnet.org*

A membership movement of women from diverse backgrounds, faiths, ages, and experiences who are committed to empowering women and girls, and eliminating racism. Local YWCA associations are autonomous, so programs will vary. Most offer opportunities for personal growth and self-development, education, health, and fitness.

Youth development is a theme of the core program. Peer education programs available to both young men (who may join as associate members) and young women emphasize self-esteem, decision-making, information about adolescent sexuality, and personal development. Available programs and materials include *Choices or Chances? A Life Options Program for Teens; PACT: Peer Education in Sexuality and Health;* and videos relating to teen pregnancy prevention.

See also:

NULITES, pages 127–128.

Social Welfare and Community Development Groups

American Red Cross (1881)
National Office of Volunteers
8111 Gatehouse Road
Falls Church, VA 22042
Director, Volunteer Services
703/206-7410
FAX: 703/206-8375
URL: *www.RedCross.org*

The American Red Cross emphasizes volunteer service, international collaboration and awareness, leadership development, youth-adult partnerships, and external and school-based partnerships. Promotes comprehensive, developmentally based opportunities for youth in volunteerism and community service, as well as through education and training. Opportunities for youth are available in all Red Cross service areas: Armed Forces Emergency Services; Biomedical Services; Disaster Services; Health and Safety Services, including HIV/AIDS Education; and International Services.

Information about training and educational resources and opportunities, as well as volunteerism and community service placements, is available to schools and other community groups through local Red Cross units. Each chapter offers different opportunities; several chapters have developed their own programs to meet critical interests of youth in their areas.

Barrios Unidos (1993)
313 Front Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060
Daniel Alejandrez, Director and Founder
408/457-8208
FAX: 408/457-0389
Email: *barrios@cruzio.com*
URL: *www.mercado.com/juventud/barrios/barrios.html*

Barrios Unidos is a multicultural, nonprofit organization that seeks to prevent and curtail violence among young people by providing them with alternatives. Begun in Santa Cruz, CA, it has spread to more than 20 other cities across the nation. Programs are generated in three areas: The Cesar E. Chavez School for Social Change, Community Economic Development, and Community Outreach.

Barrios Unidos believes that community workers who have, themselves, experienced and overcome the challenges facing young people today are best able to assist them in choosing life-affirming behavior. The organization builds positive self-esteem and cultural pride through meaningful activities, education, and job-training. Youth programs will vary from one city to another. Most include kids clubs that provide young children with a positive learning environment that has a multicultural focus; youth groups that seek to facilitate positive change in individuals who exhibit or have the potential to exhibit negative and violent behavior; parent groups that empower families by educating and informing them about resources available in their communities; and others.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America (1977)
230 N. 13th Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107-1538
Thomas M. McKenna, National Executive Director
215/567-7000
FAX: 215/567-0394
Email: *BBBSA@aol.com*
URL: *www.bbbsa.org*

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America (BBBSA) is a federation of more than 500 agencies that enable adult volunteers, through a one-to-one matching program and site-based mentoring programs, to serve as friends, mentors, and role models for school-aged children and teenagers. The BBBSA agencies provide professional casework support and locally-focused programs. Many of the agencies also provide programs for children and families in the areas of substance abuse, sexual abuse, teen pregnancy, juvenile delinquency, and children with disabilities.

Among the resources available from BBBSA are *Partners: The Shared Service Experience*, a guide to involving matches in community service; *Deaf/Hearing Impaired Program Guidelines*, a guide to developing mentoring programs using volunteers with hearing disabilities; and *EMPOWER*, a child sexual abuse prevention and education program. Their publications are available directly from the BBBSA National Office.

Guardian Angels (1979)
982 E. 89th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11236
Curtis Sliwa, Founder
212/967-0808 *or* 718/649-2607
FAX: 718/967-6030
Email: *GAKOZO@aol.com*
URL: *Cyberangels.org*

The mission of the Guardian Angels is to develop real-life role models through community safety patrols, as well as a number of other initiatives. Volunteers involve themselves with graffiti paint-outs, educating youth, providing safety escorts, public speaking, conducting Junior Angel programs and after-school clubs, running soup kitchens, participating in parades and festivals, conducting safety campaigns, and working in senior centers. The Cyber Angels program promotes safety on the Internet. Chapters operate in many cities across the United States as well as in Europe and Asia.

National Network for Youth (1974)
1319 F Street NW, Suite 401
Washington, DC 20004
Della M. Hughes, Executive Director
202/783-7949
FAX: 202/783-7955
Email: *NN4Youth@worldnet.att.net*
URL: *www.NN4Youth.org*

A membership organization with more than 400 direct members. With regional and state network affiliates, it represents more than 1,200 constituents, primarily community-based, youth-serving agencies. Seeks to ensure that young people can be safe and grow up to lead healthy and productive lives. A driving force for achieving its mission is Community Youth Development, an approach that models best practice in youth work and focuses on lifelong learning. CYD fosters an appreciation for young people's talents and capabilities, and enables youth to develop strong values, an attachment to their community, and the tools needed for adulthood.

NNY actively engages in public education efforts, promotes youth-adult partnerships and strives to strengthen staff and community-based organization capacity to provide effective programs and services to youth in high-risk situations. Training and technical assistance is provided in a variety of areas including the professional development of youth workers, youth leadership, peer education, HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention, grant writing, and community and youth development.

A sponsoring member of the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children. Hosts an annual conference in Washington, DC, and operates YOUTHNET, an online network (see page 142).

Volunteers of America, Inc. (1896)
110 S. Union Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
Charles Gould, President
703/548-2288
FAX: 703/684-1972
Email: *voa@voa.org*
URL: *www.voa.org*

A wide range of youth services are provided through the auspices of the Volunteers of America. Programs will vary considerably from one office to another. Inquire locally.

YouthBuild USA (1990)
YouthBuild Coalition (1988)
58 Day Street
P.O. Box 440322
Somerville, MA 02144
Dorothy Stoneman, President and Founder
617/623-9900
FAX: 617/623-4331
URL: *www.youthbuild.org*

A comprehensive youth and community development program, designed to run on a 12-month cycle. Offers job training, education, counseling, and leadership development opportunities to unemployed and out-of-school young adults ages 16–24, through the construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing in their own communities. Many graduates go on to construction-related jobs; alumni receive post-program counseling. The buildings that are rehabilitated or constructed during the program are usually owned and managed by the community-based organization as permanent low-income housing. There are currently approximately 90 funded YouthBuild programs; additional sites are in the planning stage.

YouthBuild USA is the national support center providing technical assistance and training to organizations seeking to design and implement YouthBuild programs in their local areas. The overall mission is to create and sustain a broad-based national movement in support of policies and programs that enable young people to rebuild their communities and lead responsible lives.

The **YouthBuild Coalition** is a national group of 550 member organizations and individuals that advocates for legislation affecting YouthBuild programs.

Religious Organizations

Protestant

All of the organizations in this section were Protestant at the time of their founding, although some have since broadened their membership bases. Those marked "(C)", while Christian in mission, offer comprehensive programs designed to develop the physical, mental, and social dimensions as well as the spiritual.

Nondenominational

Some of these groups are organized through individual churches or parishes of many denominations, while others are "extra-church," i.e., not connected with a church or parish.

Athletes in Action (1966)
P.O. Box 588
Lebanon, OH 45036
Wendel Deyo, National Director
513/933-2421
FAX: 513/933-2422
URL: *www.aiasports.org/aia*

The athletic program of Campus Crusade for Christ. Maintains a speakers' bureau, sponsors competitions, and runs a summer program of day and overnight sports camps for elementary through high school students. Provides assemblies for middle schools and high schools addressing drug and alcohol issues.

Awana Clubs International (1950) (C)

One E. Bode Road
Streamwood, IL 60107
David Genn, Executive Director
630/213-2000
FAX: 630/213-5986
Email: *inquiry@awana.org*
URL: *www.awana.org*

A Bible-based, Christ-centered program for evangelizing, challenging, and training youth. Club program levels include: Cubbies (ages 3–4), Sparks (grades K–2), Pals (boys in grades 3–4), Chums (girls in grades 3–4), Pioneers (boys in grades 5–6), and Guards (girls in grades 5–6). These clubs are organized on a three-part meeting plan and achievement program that includes Game Time, Handbook Time, and Council Time. Junior Varsity (for youth in grades 7–8) provides activities, interactive learning, small-group fellowship, and large-group community programming. Varsity (for teens in grades 9–12) balances evangelism and discipleship through intense Bible study and leadership training.

The CrossTrainers club program is designed to assist local churches in evangelizing, discipling, challenging, and training inner-city youth. The Friends club program is designed for children with significant learning or reading disabilities or who are otherwise mentally challenged. Pal, Chum, Pioneer, and Guard handbooks are available in Braille editions. Churches using the Awana program must be chartered by ACI and agree with the Awana Doctrinal Statement.

Boys' and Girls' Brigades of America (1980) (C)

P.O. Box 9863
Baltimore, MD 21284
Joseph Sauthoff, President
410/391-4331
FAX: 410/485-0009

Formed by a merger of United Boys' Brigades of America (1893) and United Girls' Brigades of America. Serves youth ages 6–18, with a program of Bible and missions training, athletics, games, camping, and outdoor activities. Seeks to provide a healthy environment where youth can learn obedience, reverence, discipline, and self-respect.

Center for Youth Ministry YouthQuest Ministries (1971)

c/o Liberty University
1971 University Boulevard
Lynchburg, VA 24502-2269
Douglas H. Randlett, Executive Director
804/582-2310
FAX: 804/582-2212
Email: *CYMYQ@aol.com*
URL: *www.liberty.edu*

Based at Liberty University, the Center provides an academic program emphasizing field training for college students preparing for vocational youth work in evangelical churches, camps, counseling centers, cross-cultural ministries, and schools. Serves as a consultation and resource center for these youth workers.

YouthQuest operates national and regional programs and projects that facilitate the mentoring process between college students and middle school and high school teens. Programs include youth rallies, church internships, public school assemblies, student conferences, camps and retreats, and cross-cultural ministry trips.

Child Evangelism Fellowship Inc. (1937)

P.O. Box 348
Warrenton, MO 63383
Reese Kauffman, President
314/456-4321
FAX: 314/456-5000 *or* 314/456-2078
Email: *cefos@mocty.com*
URL: *www.cefinc.org*

An international organization that seeks to reach children through Bible classes, camps, rallies, and other programs throughout the United States and in 139 countries overseas. Publishes *Evangelizing Today's Child* magazine and training materials for use in religious education programs. A catalog is available.

Christ in Youth (1968)
P.O. Box B
Joplin, MO 64802
417/781-2273
FAX: 417/781-5958
Email: *ciy@ciy.com*
URL: *www.ciy.com*

A non-denominational extra-church organization for young people of junior high through college age. Seeks to draw youth to Jesus Christ and to motivate and equip them to share their faith with others. Programs include: Short Term Mission Trips; National Youth Leaders Convention; Discipleship; Believe; Summer and Winter Conferences; and Schools of Youth Ministry, On Purpose, and Youth Ministry Resources.

Christian Endeavor International (1881)
1221 E. Broad Street
P.O. Box 2106
Columbus, OH 43216-2106
Rev. David G. Jackson, Executive Director
614/258-3947
FAX: 614/258-4950
Email: *CEI1881@juno.com*

Christian Endeavor International is a Christ-centered youth-oriented ministry which assists local churches in reaching young people with the gospel of Jesus Christ, discipling them in the Christian faith, and equipping them for Christian ministry and service in their church, community, and world. It trains youth leaders for effective ministry and provides opportunities for Christian inspiration, spiritual growth, fellowship, and service. Christian Endeavor International reaches across denominational, cultural, and geographic boundaries.

Christian Service Brigade (1937) (C)
P.O. Box 150
Wheaton, IL 60189
David E. Hall, President
800/815-5573
FAX: 630/665-0372
Email: *BrigadeCSB@aol.com*

An evangelical Christian organization that provides local churches with leadership and fathering training for men, father-child programs for fathers with children ages 2–7, and programs for boys ages 6–18, through weekly meetings, special events, and camps.

Coalition for Christian Outreach (1971)
5912 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Rev. Robert R. Long, President
412/363-3303
FAX: 412/363-1005
Email: *cco@usaor.net*

An interdenominational and evangelistic student ministry working in Pennsylvania, eastern Ohio, and northern West Virginia. Challenges students to develop a Christian perspective in their areas of study so they can develop direction in the vocation to which God calls them and commitment to outworking of the gospel, relative to vital social and political issues of the day.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (1954)
8701 Leeds Road
Kansas City, MO 64129
Dal Shealy, President
816/921-0909
FAX: 816/921-8755
URL: *www.fca.org*

A Christ-centered, Bible-based program for student athletes and coaches in junior and senior high schools and colleges.

Sponsors sports camps, rallies, and special events.

Hi-BA Clubs (1939)
High School Evangelism Fellowship
P.O. Box 7
Bergenfield, NJ 07621
Andy Nelson, International Director
201/387-1750
FAX: 201/387-1348
Email: *hiba@carroll.com*
URL: *oceanus.carroll.com/p/hiba/*

Evangelizes and disciples high school students through Bible clubs. Operates in metropolitan New York and New Jersey, and in Japan and Russia.

The International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons (1886)
34 Vincent Avenue
P.O. Box 1017
Chautauqua, NY 14722
Babs Lusk, Director, Junior Department
7033 Rockingham Road
Memphis, TN 38125
901/759-4149

An interdenominational and international organization of Christian men and women dedicated to service in Christ's name. Its three-fold program (Religious, Educational, and Philanthropic) trains members and others for Christian service. The youth program of the Junior Department is open to all and seeks to develop the spiritual life and to stimulate Christian activities. Stresses service to others and provides leadership development opportunities. Local chapters will vary.

The Logos System Associates (1962)
The Logos System Associates, Inc.
1405 Frey Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Dr. Dale K. Milligan, Executive Director
412/372-1341
FAX: 412/372-8447

Works with churches to fulfill their responsibilities for effective Christian education of youth. Uses a midweek afternoon format to incorporate four types of quality relational experience: Recreation/Activities, Worship Skills/Choir, Family Time/Dinner, and Bible Study Hour. Enables the local church to engage a large percentage of children and youth in grades 1-12 in a positive experience.

Patch the Pirate Clubs (1983) (C)
Majesty Music, Inc.
P.O. Box 6524
Greenville, SC 29606
John Leupp, Manager of Operations
800/334-1071
FAX: 864/370-3877
Email: *info@majestymusic.com*

Nondenominational, organized primarily through local congregations, for youth in grades 1-6. Promotes the development of Godly character through daily devotional guide. Music lessons further promote such values as obedience, honesty, and trustworthiness. Seeks to develop healthy social relationships and ideals of Christian service. The curriculum is easily adapted for home use.

Pioneer Clubs (1939) (C)
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 788
Wheaton, IL 60189-0788
Office address:
27W130 St. Charles Road
Carol Stream, IL 60188-1935
Judy Bryson, President
630/293-1600
FAX: 630/293-3053
Email: *pcjudy@enteract.com*
URL: *www.pioneerclubs.org*

An international, activity-based club program for Christian youth enrolled through churches. Seeks to help youth put Christ in every phase of their lives, to nurture healthy relationships, and to help children grow as whole persons. Provides formal and informal opportunities for leadership development and is easily adapted for use with children with disabilities. Originally for girls only, the organization has included boys since 1980. The program for ages 2–18 may be offered in boys', girls', or coeducational groups. Offers a summer camping program.

Pro-Teens (1969)
Positive Action for Christ, Inc.
833 Falls Road
P.O. Box 1948
Rocky Mount, NC 27802-1948
Jeff Diedrich, Field Director
Dr. Frank Hamrick, President
800/688-3008
919/977-9977
FAX: 919/977-2181
Email: *PROnet@aol.com*

A church-based, Christian training program for junior and senior high youth. Promotes personal devotions, Bible study and memorization, recreation, and Christian service. Publishes a complete Bible curriculum for Christian schools, grades K–12. Discipleship materials are available.

Son Light Ministries, Inc. (1981)
5950 Spring Creek Road
Rockford, IL 61114
William Nicholson, Executive Director
815/877-4040
FAX: 815/637-1675

A Christ-centered program for grades K–6. Uses a system of advancement and an awards program based on Bible knowledge and growth in Christian life. Provides Pentecostal/charismatic churches with a children's club program that will minister effectively to the children and families of these churches and facilitate evangelism in their communities.

Student Venture (1968)
100 Sunport Lane, Dept. 3200
Orlando, FL 32809
Chuck Klein, National Director
407/826-2150
FAX: 407/826-2170
Email: *venture@ccci.org*
URL: *www.ccci.org/student_ventur*

The high school and junior high outreach of Campus Crusade for Christ. Emphasizes evangelism and discipleship in weekly meetings of Bible study, fellowship, and recreation for high school students.

Teen Missions International, Inc. (1970)
885 E. Hall Road
Merritt Island, FL 32953
Robert M. Bland, Director
407/453-0350
FAX: 407/452-7988
Email: *tmi@cape.net*
URL: *www.teenmissions.org/*

An interdenominational, evangelical organization that promotes the involvement of young people and adults in world missions. Each summer, 1,500 North American youth ages 13–25 are trained and sent to 40–45 countries on work and evangelism projects. Runs 20 programs throughout the year in 18 different countries that provide similar mission exposure to national youth. Pre-teen Boot Camp for ages 10–13 gives young people an opportunity for service projects and evangelism in the United States and overseas. Teams learn to do light construction, puppetry, music, and drama, and to minister in local churches. Peanuts Missions enables children ages 7–9 to come to Florida for 10 days to learn about missions and do a small work project.

Word of Life Fellowship, Inc. (1940)
Route 9, Box 600
Schroon Lake, NY 12870
George Theis, Executive Director
518/532-7111
FAX: 518/532-7421
URL: *www.wol.org*

An international, fundamental, evangelistic organization reaching youth in all walks of life with the Gospel of Christ. Its ministry encompasses 37 countries through camping programs, Bible Clubs, Bible Institutes, youth rallies, concert ministries, radio, and television.

Young Life (1941)
420 N. Cascade Street
P.O. Box 520
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
Denny Rydberg, President
719/381-1800
FAX: 719/381-1750
Email: *helpdesk@sc.younglife.org*
URL: *www.younglife.org/*

A nondenominational, community-based program that seeks to introduce young people to the gospel of Christ by establishing and maintaining friendships with them. Originally for high school students, the program also works with junior high adolescents. Also conducts a growing ministry for youth with disabilities, as well as urban and international work.

Summer programs include outreach camping for teens at a wide variety of Young Life resorts around the country. Campaigners are groups of young people organized for Bible study and committed to adapting faith into everyday life.

Youth for Christ/U.S.A., Inc. (1945)
P.O. Box 228822
Denver, CO 80222
Roger Cross, Chief Executive Officer
303/843-9000
FAX: 303/843-9002
URL: *www.yfc.org*

A youth organization with the goal of presenting the life-changing message of Christ to every young person. Uses a variety of methods to reach youth in junior high and high schools, neighborhoods, inner cities, and juvenile institutions. Offers youth across the country high adventure and residential camps, local events, regional conferences, and national conventions. Provides opportunities for teens to serve overseas in short-term work projects in underdeveloped countries.

Denominational

The following organizations are part of the youth programs of specific denominational bodies.

Alliance Youth (1954)
The Christian and Missionary Alliance
P.O. Box 35000
Colorado Springs, CO 80935
David Schwartz, National Youth Director
719/599-5999
FAX: 719/599-5898
Email: *schwartzd@cmalliance.org*
URL: *www.gospelcom.net/cmalliance.org*

A program for youth ages 14–18 that endeavors to bring them to Christ, bring them up in Christ, and send them forth for Christ. Activities include Operation Good News, an evangelism program; Bible quizzing; and overseas mission trips and training. Together, they seek to create "Teen-Age World Christians" who will be unselfish with their time, service, money, and prayer; and who will demonstrate concern for those who do not know Christ.

Berean Youth Fellowship (1902)

5823 Trammell Road
P.O. Box 100000
Morrow, GA 30260
FAX: 404/362-9307
James Graham, Director
4222 E. Lincoln Drive
Paradise Valley, AZ 85253
602/265-4155
FAX: 602/265-4155 (call first)
Email: *RevJAG@aol.com*
URL: *www.cyminc.org/ryot.html*

The purpose of the youth program of the Church of God General Conference is to work together in discipling youth to Christ by advocating excellence in youth ministry, modeling discipleship, and providing opportunity for the expression of their faith and love. Offers year-round training and programs, as well as an annual Summer Youth Congress in July.

The Caravan Program (1950) (C)

The Church of the Nazarene
6401 The Paseo
Kansas City, MO 64131
Kathy Hughes, Caravan Coordinator
816/333-7000
FAX: 816/333-4439
Email: *khughes@nazarene.org*
URL: *www.nazarene.org*

Caravan is a children's ministry that is committed to the physical, social, mental, and spiritual growth of children. It is based on the total developmental approach found in Luke 2:52: "*Jesus increased in wisdom* (mental) and *stature* (physical), and *in favor with God* (spiritual) and *man* (social)."

The name *Caravan* refers to a group of people on a journey. Through Caravan, children take a journey into spiritual living. Through an active, hands-on learning approach, they learn that Christian living touches all areas of life. Young members discover physical, social, mental and spiritual skills; develop self-esteem through recognition of their achievements; experience positive interaction with caring adults and peers; and grow in their understanding and appreciation for being part of God's church family.

Christian Life Clubs
Free Methodist Youth Ministries

Free Methodist Church of North America (1860)
P.O. Box 535002
Indianapolis, IN 46253-5002
317/244-3660
FAX: 317/244-1247
Email: *FMCEDept@aol.com*
Dottie Miller, Director of Children's Ministries
517/589-9924
FAX: 517/589-9924
Email: *DottieDCM@aol.com*
Myke Merrill, Director of Youth Ministries
716/392-4178
FAX: 716/392-5792
Email: *MykeDYM@aol.com*
URL: *www.fmcna.org*

Christian Life Clubs provide an activity-oriented program promoting Christian values among youth in grades 1-6. Also conducts the Joybell program for children ages 4–5. Free Methodist Youth Ministries encourage lives of Christian commitment through witness and service to others.

Forefront Ministries
Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
P.O. Box 1059
Independence, MO 64051
Michael A. Hoffman, World Church Youth Minister
816/833-1000, ext. 1364
Email: *mhoffman@rlds.org*
Trudi Gunderson, Youth Outreach Consultant
816/833-1000, ext. 1471
Email: *trudimg@rlds.org*
Margo Frizzell, Children's Outreach Consultant
816/833-1000, ext. 1369
FAX: 816/521-3092
Email: *margof@rlds.org*
URL: *www.RLDS.org/forefront/ffm.html*

Children's and youth groups are organized through congregations or clusters of congregations for youth up to age 23. Programs will vary, but all proclaim Jesus Christ and promote communities of joy, hope, love, and peace. Some programs offered may be affiliated with other national or international organizations.

Skylarks (grades 1–3) and Orioles (grades 4–6) are Scouting-type programs helping youth develop self-esteem, an appreciation for others, and a strong Christian faith. Most local chapters are all-girls, with a few including boys. World Community is an adult-to-youth mentoring program for children and youth ages 8–18, and is the official religious emblem program for Scouts affiliated with the church. Young Peacemakers Clubs—neighborhood-based programs for elementary to junior high school students—promote peace and an appreciation of diversity and ecology.

Free Church Student Ministries (1941)
Evangelical Free Church
901 E. 78th Street
Minneapolis, MN 55420
Rev. Steve Hudson, Director of Student Ministries
R. D. Swanson, Mission USA Student Ministry
612/854-1300
FAX: 612/853-8488
Email: *efcamusa@aol.com*

An organization for youth in grades 7–12 that encourages a personal relationship with Christ and unites young people in a bond of Christian love and fellowship. The biennial conference includes ministry development and outreach activities.

Free Lutheran Youth (1963)
Association of Free Lutheran Congregations (AFLC)
3110 E. Medicine Lake Boulevard
Minneapolis, MN 55441
Pastor Kevin Olson, AFLC Youth Ministries Director
612/545-5631
Email: *hqmail@aflc.org*
URL: *www.Minn.net/aflc.org*

A program in AFLC congregations for evangelizing youth ages 9 to young adult and teaching them discipleship. AFLC Youth Resources serves as a clearinghouse of information and materials, and provides problem-solving assistance and counseling for adult leaders, youth pastors, and other youth workers.

Girl Guards (1916) (C)
Adventure Corps (1984) (C)

Salvation Army National Headquarters
P.O. Box 269
615 Slaters Lane
Alexandria, VA 22313
Lt. Colonel Sharon Ulyat, National Consultant for Christian Education
703/684-5530
FAX: 703/519-5889
Email: *sharon_ulyat@usn.salvationarmy.org*
URL: *www.thesalvationarmy.org* (USA) or *www.Christcom.net/salvation/home.htm* (international)

These outreach programs of the Salvation Army stress mental, physical, social, and spiritual development and service to others. Girls are Sunbeams in grades 1–5, and Girl Guards in grades 6–12. Adventure Corps is the indoor-outdoor skills and achievement program for boys, who become Explorers in grades 1–4, Rangers in grades 5–8, and Adventurers in grades 9-12. Some Salvation Army centers continue to use the program of the Boy Scouts of America. All of these programs are open to everyone.

Within the Salvation Army membership, Junior Soldiers in grades 1–6 pursue Bible study, Salvation Army history, and leadership development. CROSSTraining for Corps Cadets is a teen Bible study and leadership development program. Sunday schools are conducted in every Salvation Army Corps in the U.S.A. Summer residential and day camping programs at Salvation Army facilities are a part of youth programming; every local unit has access to a divisional camp. Daycare and pre-school programs are available in some U.S. cities.

Girls in Action/Acteens (1970)

Women's Missionary Union
Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention
P.O. Box 830010
Birmingham, AL 35283-0010
Sarah Groves, Youth Action Consultant, Children's Consultant (Girls in Action)
205/991-8100
FAX: 205/991-4990
Email: *sgroves@wmu.org*
URL: *www.wmu.com/wmu* or *www.nac98.com*

Missions education organizations, with roots going back to 1817. Girls in Action members are in grades 1–6; Acteens are in grades 7–12; new Tots Program available for pre-school children.

Junior Daughters of the King (1896)

c/o The Order of the Daughters of the King
P.O. Box 2196
Marietta, GA 30061-2196
Gerri Sweeting, National Chairwoman
770/419-8580
FAX: 770/419-0686

Chapters are formed in Episcopal churches, where there are three or more baptized girls (ages 7–20) who promise to pray daily and work toward the extension of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of the church. The purpose is Christian fellowship, growth, and evangelism. Girls of other denominations may join.

Lutheran Girl Pioneers (1954) (C)

1611 Caledonia Street
LaCrosse, WI 54603
Judy Hansen, National Counselor
608/781-5232
FAX: 608/781-5233
Email: *lgp@lgp.org*
URL: *www.lgp.org*

This character-building program for girls in grades 1–8 includes physical fitness and skills training. "Caravans" are organized in individual congregations of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (2929 N. Mayfair Road. Milwaukee. WI 53222).

Lutheran Pioneers (1951) (C)
P.O. Box 66
Burlington. WI 53105
Dale Lorfeld. National Commander
414/763-6238
FAX: 414/534-2892
Email: *pioneers@ols-inc.com*

An organization for boys in grades 1–12. Stresses character building. physical fitness. and skills training via "trains" groups. organized through individual congregations. Affiliated with the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (2929 N. Mayfair Road. Milwaukee. WI 53222).

Lutheran Youth Fellowship (1979)
Lutheran Church Missouri Synod
1333 S. Kirkwood Road
St. Louis. MO 63122
Rev. Terry Dittmer. Associate Director of Youth Ministry
314/965-9000
FAX: 314/822-8307
Email: *ic_dittmetk@lcms.org*

Focuses on leadership development for teens; strategies include outreach. community-building. servant leadership. nurture and peer ministry. Promotes Bible study. religious and social activities. interest in missions. and service to others. Succeeded the Walther League.

Ministry Organization (1976)
United Methodist Church
Box 840
Nashville. TN 37202
Angela Gay Kinkead. Executive Director
615/340-7184
FAX: 615/340-1730
Email: *nymo@aol.com*
URL: *www.umc.org/nymo/nymohome.html*

The youth advocacy agency for the United Methodist Church. Members (90 percent youth) are elected through church jurisdictions. Areas of endeavor include advocacy for youth. empowerment of youth for leadership. outreach through the Youth Service Fund and the Youth Serving Youth Mission Fund. and a forum for the expression of youth concerns. An additional youth outreach of the church is the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. organized through local congregations.

Missionettes (1957)
Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield. MO 65802
Kerry Clarensal. National Missionettes Coordinator
417/862-2781
FAX: 417/862-0503
Email: *netts@ag.org*

An advancement program of Bible memorization. missions education. and other aspects of religious education. Stages include Rainbows (children ages 3–4). Daisies (girls in grades K–1). Prims (girls in grades 2–3). Stars (girls in grades 4–8). and Ys (girls in grades 9–12).

Pentecostal Young People's Association (1928)
Pentecostal Church of God. Inc.
P.O. Box 705
Joplin. MO 64802
Reggie O. Powers. General PYPA President
417/624-7050. ext. 351/352
FAX: 417/624-7102
Email: *PYPA@pcg.org*

Programs include Junior PYPA for youth ages 5–12. and PYPA for youth and young adults ages 13–35. Ministries include Bible Quizzing. Christian Pathlighters (a Scouting-type program). Youth Evangelism in Action. Youth Leadership and Development. and Merge (a young-married's ministry). Sponsors the biennial National

Youth Leadership Conference, Seasons of Service (short-term mission trips), and the annual National Teen Talent Expo.

Presbyterian Youth Connection

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
100 Witherspoon Street
Louisville, KY 40202-1396
Gina Yeager, National Director, Presbyterian Youth Ministry
502/569-5497
FAX: 502/569-8263
Email: *gina.yeager@pcusa.org*

Youth programs are organized throughout the 13,000 local congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The national denomination office publishes curriculum resources and provides training for youth workers.

The Primary (1878)
The Young Men (1875)
The Young Women (1869)

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
76 N. Main Street
Salt Lake City, UT 84150
Patricia P. Pinegar, President, The Primary
Jack H. Goaslind, President, The Young Men
Janette Hales Beckham, President, The Young Women
800/453-3860
FAX: 801/240-5458

The Primary (ages 18 months–12 years), the Young Men (ages 12–18), and the Young Women (ages 12–18) follow age-appropriate curricula. Groups meet on Sundays and during the week. Churches also sponsor Boy Scout troops, which nonmembers are invited to join.

Royal Ambassadors (1908)
EZRA (1995)
MissionKids (1996)
Challengers (1994)
World Changers (1990)

North American Mission Board, SBC
4200 North Point Parkway
Alpharetta, GA 30022-4176
770/410-6000
FAX: 770/410-6018
Email: *children@namb.net*
URL: *www.namb.org*

The Royal Ambassadors, a comprehensive missions education program for boys, includes Lads (grades 1–3) and Crusaders (grades 4–6). Through games, stories, Bible verses and activities geared to interest and age level, these programs help boys learn about missions and how they may become personally involved. The EZRA (Easy Royal Ambassadors) program provides churches with a simple, more flexible club-type structure with a coed option (direct phone number: 770/410-6453).

MissionKids is a coeducational missions education program that provides young people in grades 1–6 with an opportunity to gain a "kids' view" of missions from children whose parents are Southern Baptist missionaries.

Challengers, for young men in grades 7–12, provides an arena for adult leaders and young men to grow in their relationship with God, their families, their peers and their church. Challengers seeks to interpret missions as a biblical mandate and instruct young men and those who lead them toward missions and ministry action. Challengers seek to blend their ministry within the local church with missions beyond the local church (direct phone number: 770/410-6288).

World Changers provides Christian youth (from grade 6 through college) and adults with practical learning experiences that teach servanthood and lead to a personal commitment to missions involvement. In

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1997. World Changers offered 43 week-long projects in 32 U.S. cities and 4 countries of Central America and the Caribbean (direct phone number: 770/410-6470).

All the above are programs of the North American Missions Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, formed through merger of the Brotherhood Commission, Home Mission Board, and the Radio and Television Commission in 1997.

Royal Rangers (1962) (C)

Assemblies of God
1445 Boonville Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802-1894
Ken Hunt, National Commander
417/862-2781, ext. 4177
FAX: 417/831-8230
Email: *rangers@ag.org*
URL: *www.ag.org*

Royal Rangers is an indoor/outdoor program of the Assemblies of God designed to develop the total boy for Christ. There are five grade/age groups that involve boys in advancements; camping; spiritual, social and mental challenges; and much more. Information packet available from national office.

The Seventh-Day Adventist Church in North America (1914) (C)

12501 Old Columbia Pike
Silver Spring, MD 20904-6600
Noelene Johnsson, Children's Ministries
301/680-6424
Willie Oliver, Adventurers/Pathfinders
301/680-6461
José V. Rojas, Teen Ministries/Young Adult Ministries
301/680-6434
FAX: 301/680-6464

Primary focus is the salvation of children and youth through Jesus Christ. Includes Adventurers (grades 1–4), Pathfinders (grades 5–10), Teen Ministries (high school age), and Young Adult Ministries (ages 19–30). Programs seek to lead youth to understand their individual worth and discover and develop their spiritual gifts and abilities, equip and empower them for a life of service within God's church and the community, foster an appreciation of the Creator, and help them enjoy, preserve, and protect the world of nature.

Specialized Ministries (1928)

The Church of God of Prophecy
Bible Place
P.O. Box 2910
Cleveland, TN 37320-2910
H. E. Cardin, International Director
423/559-5205
FAX: 423/559-5202
Email: *CGPYouth@aol.com*
URL: *www.cogop.org*

The youth ministry arm of the Church of God of Prophecy. Seeks to evangelize young people and train them for Christian service. Also seeks to enlist them in getting the message of Christ and the Church to the world. Members must show interest and participate in church services and activities. Groups raise money for ministry of evangelism for worldwide distribution.

Teen World Outreach (1982)

Elim Fellowship
1701 Dalton Road
P.O. Box 57A
Lima, NY 14485-0857
Jim Porter, Director, TWO
716/582-2790
FAX: 716/624-1229
Email: *74551.2354@compuserve.com*
URL: *elim.edu/twopage.htm*

A ministry of Elim World Missions. There are three branches. Teen World Outreach (TWO) is a summer missions project (nondenominational) for teens and adult leaders operating in about 20 countries—young people carry out an evangelistic ministry through mime, music, and children's ministry, and are involved in constructing orphanages, schools, churches, and training centers. Short Term Enlistment Program (STEP) is a Missions discipleship ministry for individual adults. Elim World Missions is for career missionaries.

United Calvinist Youth (1919)
1333 Alger Street SE
P.O. Box 7259
Grand Rapids, MI 49510
Jan Boone, Executive Director, GEMS
Dick Broene, Executive Director, Cadets
Brian Bosscher, Executive Director, Youth Unlimited/YCF
616/241-5616
FAX: 616/241-5558

Promotes Christian living and service to others and the church by providing programs and materials to young people ages 6 through high school, and training for leaders and counselors.

Victory Leaders Band
Gleaners Band (1933)
The Church of God
USA Headquarters
P.O. Box 525
Scottsville, KY 42164
Bishop Danny R. Patrick, General Overseer
502/622-3900

The two bands promote Christian growth and service to others. They train young people ages 5-55 to accept leadership roles in the church and how to be a witness and to share the gospel. They reach out to youth that are lost, hurting or need deliverance, and seek to share Jesus with them. They do special work in raising funds for the Publications Department. Special meetings are held annually at each local church with a yearly Victory Leaders Meeting in August for all groups, at the Annual General Assembly.

Young People Love Joy Band (1920) (C)
Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God, Inc.
1120 N. 24th Street
Birmingham, AL 35234
Dr. Juanita R. Arrington, Christian Counselor and National Executive Secretary
205/324-2202

Seeks to provide youth with wholesome activities in a Christian environment while they are learning about the love of Christ. Pledges to develop the whole child so that young people better serve themselves and their families, communities, and country. Specific programs may vary from one church to another.

Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (1953)
Unitarian Universalist Association
25 Beacon Street
Boston, MA 02108
Jennifer Harrison, Director of Youth Programs
617/742-2100, ext. 350
FAX: 617/523-4123
Email: *YRUU@uua.org*
URL: *www.uua.org/YRUU/*

A fivefold program that encourages learning, worship, fellowship, social action, and leadership development. Provides a communications network for local and district groups and promotes youth empowerment. Publishes *Synapse;* holds annual North American Conference. This organization has roots extending back to the nineteenth century.

Youth Quest International
Church Education Ministries
International Pentecostal Holiness Church
P.O. Box 12609
Oklahoma City, OK 73157-2609
Rev. S. Paul Howell, Executive Director
Rev. Michael Knight, National Youth Director
Rev. Dennis Berry, Mission Quest Coordinator
405/787-7110
FAX: 405/789-3957
Email: *michael@iphc.org*
URL: *www.iphc.org*

Youth Quest International is the official name of the demoninational youth ministry which includes National Talent and Bible Quiz ministries, summer camps, Mission Quest (youth ministry outreach), and many other programs.

Catholic

There is considerable variety in the way these groups are organized. Some are independent organizations, while others are organized through parishes or parochial schools, and still others are youth divisions of adult organizations.

Additional youth organizations affiliated with national churches may be found in the Ethnic Heritage Groups section (pages 123–130).

Cadet Commanderies, Knights of St. John (1885)
Junior Auxiliary of the Ladies Auxiliary
Knights of St. John International (1886)
2612 Shirley Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21215
Brig. Gen. James Howard Young, Supreme Cadet Organizer
Julliette L. Young, Supreme Junior Directress
410/367-4738

Membership is open to Catholic young men ages 8–16. Cadet Commanderies are affiliated with parish-based adult commanderies worldwide. Dedicated to promoting faith, hope, and charity through service to the church and community. Sponsors a sports program, has a complete organizational structure for leadership, and holds a biennial convention.

Young women ages 12–20 may join the Junior Auxiliary of the Ladies Auxiliary, Knights of St. John International.

Catholic Big Brothers of New York, Inc. (1911)
45 E. 20th Street
New York, NY 10003
Ed Remsen, Executive Director
Steve Becker, Deputy Director
Sandy Maskell, Program Director
212/477-2250
FAX: 212/477-2739
Email: *cbbnyc@aol.com*

Matches inner-city youth ages 7–17 (most residing within single-parent families) with adult Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Mentors who spend about three to five hours weekly with their young person for at least a year. These adults act as friends, role models, and sources of support to the young people with whom they are matched. CBB's Mentoring Project for junior and senior high school students also includes a peer support/world of work group component. For information about Catholic Big Brothers–Big Sisters programs in other U.S. cities, contact the archdiocesan office in that area.

Colombian Squires (1925)
Knights of Columbus Supreme Council
One Columbus Plaza
New Haven, CT 06510-3326
Ronald J. Tracz, Vice President, Fraternal Services
203/772-2130
FAX: 203/772-1923
URL: *www.kofc-supreme-council.org*

A program for boys ages 12–18, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Seeks to develop leadership through emphasis on intellectual, civic, spiritual, and physical qualities. Membership is drawn from the United States, Canada, Mexico, Guam, the Bahamas, and the Philippines.

Junior Daughters of Peter Claver (1930) (C)
Junior Knights of Peter Claver (1917) (C)

1825 Orleans Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70116
Cynthia Lyons-Jackson, National Counselor, Junior Daughters
Ronald J. Berard, Director General, Junior Knights
504/821-4225
FAX: 504/821-4253

A program for youth ages 7–17. Seeks to motivate young people to gain skills and provide service for their church and community; holds a biennial convention. Peter Claver (1581–1654) was a Spanish Jesuit who devoted himself to aiding the victims of the African slave trade; he was canonized in 1888.

League of Tarcisians of the Sacred Heart (1917)

77 Adams Street
P.O. Box 111
Fairhaven, MA 02719
Father Alphonsus Mitchell, S.S., C.C., National Director
508/999-2680 *or* 508/993-2442

For children and youth of elementary through high school age, seeks to increase love for Jesus and His Body the Church, for family, and for all. Encourages prayer, the Mass, Communion, sacrifices, and joyful service.

National Catholic Forensic League (1952)

21 Nancy Road
Milford, MA 01757
Richard Gaudette, Secretary-Treasurer
508/473-0438

A speech and debate league for students in parochial, private, and public high schools. Organized through local diocesan auspices; holds an annual national tournament.

National Christ Child Society, Inc. (1887)

5101 Wisconsin Avenue NW, Suite 304
Washington, DC 20016
Kathleen L. Gibbons, President
800/814-2149
202/363-9516
FAX: 202/966-2880
Email: *nccs@nationalchristchildsoc.org*
URL: *www.nationalchristchildsoc.org*

An all-volunteer, nonprofit Catholic organization that provides multiple services to needy children and youth, regardless of race or creed. Local chapters are autonomous.

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (1982)

3700-A Oakview Terrace NE
Washington, DC 20017-2591
Robert McCarty, Executive Director
202/636-3825
FAX: 202/526-7544

A regional federation of diocesan youth ministry offices and key leaders (not an organization of youth members). The networking body for Catholic dioceses and affiliating youth-serving organizations. Convenes regular meetings of its constituency in January; sponsors biennial conferences for youth and adults. Also publishes resources for youth ministry and for Catholic Girl Scouting and Camp Fire Boys and Girls.

National TEC Conference (1965)

618 E. 18th Street
Des Moines, IA 50316-3695
Janet M. Drey, Executive Director
515/266-3893
FAX: 515/266-3998

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a national/international retreat experience. The core of the movement is the proclamation of the central Christian Message—the Paschal Mystery—death, resurrection, and mission of Jesus Christ. Youth hear about and explore the meaning of these mysteries in the context of an intergenerational faith community.

Jewish

Agudath Israel of America (1921)

84 William Street, Suite 1200
New York, NY 10038
Rabbi Shimon Grama, Director, Pirchei Agudath Israel
Leah Zagelbaum, Director, Bnos Agudath Israel
212/797-9000
FAX: 212/269-2843

The youth organizations of Agudath Israel are for orthodox Jewish young people. Programs foster knowledge and fulfillment of Torah, and its values and way of life. Boys' and girls' groups meet separately.

Bnos Agudath Israel is the youth movement for girls. On the local level, programming takes the form of *Oneg Shabbos* groups, inculcating a love of Torah and *mitzvos*, and a sense of communal responsibility. *Chesed* projects for the elderly and homebound are a particular focus. The national office coordinates publications, interbranch activities, essay contests, and other projects. Holds annual leaders' convention.

Pirchei Agudath Israel is the youth movement for boys. Programs create a Torah-based environment for *yeshiva* children ages 8–15 during their extracurricular hours. Program goals are to provide youngsters with an independent, personal commitment to and love of Torah values, learning, and observance, and to guide them toward an effective application of their study in their daily lives. Activities include *Oneg Shabbos* get-togethers, youth *minyanim*, interbranch conventions, and publications. Conducts a series of national Torah-knowledge competitions; awards prizes and citations for achievements in independent study.

Agudath Israel also conducts the Jewish Education Program (JEP), a release-time program for youngsters with limited Judaic knowledge who attend New York City public schools. (Contact: JEP National Office, 425 E. 9th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11218, Rabbi Mutty Katz, Director, 718/941-2600.)

Betar (1923)

218 E. 79th Street
New York, NY 10021
Sharon Tzur, North American Director
212/650-1231
FAX: 212/650-1413
Email: *betarorg@mail.iclt.net*
URL: *www.betar.com*

A Zionist Jewish organization for youth ages 12–22 that offers educational activities on a year-round basis, including a summer program in Israel. College students may join Tagar, a politically active Zionist student movement with chapters on over 70 college campuses in the United States and Canada. Offers educational materials, and summer and winter programs in Israel.

B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (1929) (C)

1640 Rhode Island Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20036
Sam Fisher, International Director
202/857-6633
FAX: 202/857-6568
Email: *BBYO@BnaiBrith.org*
URL: *www.bnaibrith.org*

An international Jewish youth-led organization for teens. Provides opportunities for Jewish young people to develop their leadership potential, a positive Jewish identity, and commitment to their personal development. Includes Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA) for high school boys, B'nai B'rith Girls for high school girls, and the coeducational Teen Connection for youth in grades 7–8. Offers summer recreational camping and leadership training, Israel Summer Institute, and Judaic studies.

Habonim-Dror Labor Zionist Youth Movement (1946)
114 W. 26th Street, Suite 1004
New York, NY 10001
Esther Lederman, National Director
212/255-1796
FAX: 212/929-3459
Email: *hdna@panix.com*
URL: *www.tiac.net/users/hdna*

A Zionist youth movement that provides spiritual, cultural, and physical training to develop an appreciation for Jewish culture, the Hebrew language, Israel and an understanding of Jewish peoplehood. Sponsors a summer camping program for youth ages 8–15, an Israel summer program for youth who have completed tenth grade, and Workshop—a one-year kibbutz-based program in Israel for high school graduates.

Hashomer Hatzair (1913)
114 W. 26th Street, Suite 1001
New York, NY 10001
Gavri Bar-Gil, Director
212/627-2830
FAX: 212/989-9840
Email: *hashomerlishka@compuserve.com*

An international Zionist youth movement for ages 9–23 that educates toward secular Judaism and promotes traditional kibbutz values and lifestyle. Sponsors a summer camping program, the Yedid on Kibbutz, and Yedid Plus Program offering summer experience in Israel for youth ages 15–18. Fosters *garinim* ("seeds") groups among graduates who strengthen existing kibbutzim and establish new ones.

Histadruth Ivrith of America (1916)
426 W. 58th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10019
Rabbi Abraham Kupchik, Executive Vice President
212/629-9443
FAX: 212/629-9472

General membership includes young people of all ages throughout North America. Dedicated to the advancement of Hebrew language and culture, provides assistance to schools and camps, and sponsors a recognition program for students doing outstanding work in Hebrew. Publishes *Lamishpaha*, an illustrated monthly in simple Hebrew; *Hadoar*, a biweekly newspaper in Hebrew; *Tov Lictov*, collected creative work in Hebrew by young people; and *Hebrew in America*, in English. Holds forums and lectures in the New York City area, and an annual summer retreat, Shavua Ivri (Hebrew Week). Awards an annual Friedman Literary Prize in the U.S. for a work in Hebrew.

The Israel Experience Inc. (1996)
730 Broadway
New York, NY 10003
Michael Hersch, Information Specialist
212/253-9334
FAX: 212/253-9710
Email: *michael_hersch@cjsny.org*
URL: *www.israelexperience.org*

A resource for North American Jewish youth to access information about opportunities for travel and study in Israel.

JCC Association/NA (1890)

Jewish Community Centers Association
of North America
15 E. 26th Street
New York, NY 10010-1579
Leonard Rubin, Assistant Executive
Director
212/532-4949
FAX: 212/481-4174
Email: *info@jcca.org*
URL: *www.jcca.org*

The Jewish Community Centers Association of North America has 275 affiliated Jewish Community Centers and YMHAs/YWHAs and their branches and camps in the United States and Canada. Provides a wide variety of planning, management, and program services to member agencies. The JCC Association coordinates participation of U.S. athletes in the Maccabi Games held each summer.

Lubavitch Youth Organization (1955)

770 Eastern Parkway
Brooklyn, NY 11213
Rabbi D. Raskin, Executive Director
718/953-1000
Email: *lyonyc@juno.org*

For youth ages 12 and older. Seeks to educate and inspire youth of all ages and from all walks of life, and to rescue the estranged and uncommitted, revitalize their spirits, and bring them back into communication with their Jewish heritage and the foundation of the faith.

Masada/Maccabi Israel Summer Programs

Zionist Organization of America (1933)
4 E. 34th Street
New York, NY 10016
Yaffa Shoshan, Centra Shlicha
Deborah Blumberg, Program Director
800/732-1266
212/481-1500
FAX: 212/481-1513
Email: *masadamac@aol.com*
URL: *www.masadamac.com*

Massada/Maccabi provides high school and college students ages 13–23 the opportunity to explore their Jewish heritage and culture through informal, hands-on educational seminars, while traveling through and learning about Israel. Travel tours last five and one-half weeks. Tour groups are coeducational and divided by age. Travel includes the four areas of Israel: Jerusalem, the North, the South, and the Central/Tel Aviv region. Each Masada/Maccabi program has a unique focus for one week such as: adventure, sports, scuba diving, music, or the "Exodus" ship from Prague or Rome. A new college program features two weeks of adventure in the Sinai Desert.

National Conference of Synagogue Youth (1953)

Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations
of America
333 7th Avenue, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10001
Rabbi Pinchas Stolper, National Director
Paul Glasser, Executive Director
Dr. Jeffrey Lichtman, Director, Yachad
212/613-8333
FAX: 212/613-8333

A program of educational, cultural, social, and recreational activities for youth ages 13–18 that promotes commitment to a traditional, meaningful Torah lifestyle. Conducts *shabbaotonim* (weekend retreats), U.S. summer tours, recreational camps, and summer programs in Israel. Includes the Our Way program for the hearing impaired.

Conducts **Yachad** program for the developmentally disabled. Three program levels include Junior Yachad (ages 9–16), Senior Yachad (ages 16–30), and Rayim (adults). Encourages mainstreaming and provides a fun-filled Jewish experience for the disabled; also helps their peers understand the special needs of persons with a disability.

National Council of Young Israel Youth (1912)

3 W. 16th Street
New York, NY 10011
Richard Stareshefsky, Director
800/727-8567
212/929-1525
FAX: 212/243-1222
Email: *youth@youngisrael.org*
URL: *www.youngisrael.org*

Program includes youth in first grade through high school, throughout North America and Israel. Promotes traditional Judaism and education in the heritage and culture of the Jewish people. Encourages fitness through basketball leagues. Sponsors Achva summer programs in Israel. Each summer, the National Council runs two cross-country tours in the United States.

NCJW Junior Council (1972)

National Council of Jewish Women
53 W. 23rd Street
New York, NY 10010
Carol Eigen, Coordinator of Field Services
212/645-4048, ext. 164
FAX: 212/645-7466
Email: *ncjw@jon.cjfny.org*
URL: *www.ncjw.org*

Local sections of the National Council of Jewish Women sponsor Junior Councils. Members of the Junior Councils provide service to the organization and community, and raise funds for community service projects.

North American Federation of Temple Youth (1939)

Union of American Hebrew
Congregations (Reform)
P.O. Box 443
Warwick, NY 10990
Rabbi Allan Smith, Director, Youth
Division
914/987-6300
FAX: 914/986-7185
Email: *nftyites@warwick.net*

Sponsors youth groups for high school age members of Reform Jewish congregations. A program for junior high school youth is under development. Offers recreational camping program for youth ages 8–17 and a variety of summer programs for high school students in Israel. Holds annual Teenage Leadership Academy for leadership development. A college-level program is available.

The Religious Zionist Youth Movement-Bnei Akiva of the United States and Canada (1931)

25 W. 26th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10010
Danny Mayerfeld, National Director
Judy Srebro, Program Coordinator
212/889-5260
FAX: 212/213-3053
Email: *bakiva@transit.nyser.net*
URL: *www.bneiakiva.org*

The religious Zionist movement for youth ages 7–27, with educational programs that promote Jewish culture and a love of Israel. Promotes *aliyah* (immigration of Jews to Israel) and operates six summer camps in the United States and Canada, and the Mach Hach Ba'Aretz summer tour in Israel for 10th-graders. Bnei Akiva sponsors Hach Shara, a year-long, post-high school Yeshiva and kibbutz work-study program in Israel. Also offers a summer leadership seminar for 11th-graders in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania, and a program through which high school students may join the March of the Living in Poland, continuing with a leadership seminar in Israel.

Tzivos Hashem-Lubavitch (1980)

332 Kingston Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11213
Rabbi Yerachmiel Benjaminson,
Executive Director
718/467-6630
FAX: 718/467-8527
Email: *tzivos@aol.com*
URL: *www.tzivos-hashem.org*

A worldwide organization of more than 300,000 members from all walks of Jewish life, affiliated and nonaffiliated. Girls are members to age 12, boys to age 13.

United Synagogue Youth-Kadima (1951)
The United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism (Conservative Movement)
155 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10010
Jules Gutin, Director
212/533-7800
FAX: 212/353-9439
Email: *youth@uscj.org*
URL: *www.uscj.org/usy/*

An organization for youth (pre-teen through high school) offering religious, social, and cultural educational programs in Israel and North America. Summer programs include intensive educational and touring programs in Israel and across the United States and Canada.

Young Judaea Hashachar (1909)
50 W. 58th Street
New York, NY 10019
Doron Krakow, National Director
212/303-4575
FAX: 212/303-4572
Email: *yjudaeambr@aol.com*
URL: *www.youngjudaea.org*

The largest of the Zionist youth organizations. Educates Jewish youth ages 8-30 in Jewish and Zionist values, and maintains active participation in the American and Israeli Jewish communities. Young Judaea is sponsored by Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America. Year-round activities include club meetings, social action projects, conventions and leadership training. Young Judaea also maintains six summer camps and both-summer and year-round programs in Israel for high school and college students, including Junior Year programs at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Ben Gurion University in the Negev. Hamagshimim, the adult division of Youth Judaea, has a widespread presence on campuses throughout North America.

Yugntruf Youth for Yiddish (1964)
200 W. 72nd Street, Room 40
New York, NY 10023-2824
Brukhe Lang, Coordinator
Elinor Robinson, Editor-in-Chief
212/787-6675
FAX: 718/231-7905
Email: *ruvn@aol.com*
URL: *www.bcca.org*

Promotes the use of the Yiddish language among young adults all over the world. Publishes *Yugntruf*, a magazine written in Yiddish by members (three issues per year). Provides members with Yiddish pen pals and other Yiddish contacts. Sponsors an annual end-of-summer Yiddish retreat, a Yiddish writer's circle, sing-a-longs, picnics, holiday celebrations, a reading circle, a discussion group, and the Pripetchik Playgroup, an all-Yiddish children's group/school in New York City.

Online Resource

IdeaNet
www.geocities.com/~ideanet

IdeaNet is a weekly email newsletter available to Jewish youthwork professionals, teachers, and volunteer youth workers worldwide; subscription is free. The Web site is hyperlinked to sites for congregations, camps, organizations, Jewish education, entertainment and travel, and much more.

Other Religious Organizations

Bahá'i National Youth Committee
Bahá'i National Center
1233 Central Street
Evanston, IL 60201-1611
847/733-3587
FAX: 847/733-3502
Email: *us-nyc@bcca.org*

The Bahá'i faith is an independent worldwide religion that teaches the oneness of God, the oneness of religion, and the oneness of humanity. Bahá'is promote the establishment of world peace by advancing principles such as universal education, the eradication of all prejudices, the equality of women and men, the agreement of science and religion, the elimination of the extremes of wealth and poverty, the adoption of a universal language, and the establishment of a world federal system.

Bahá'i Youth Workshops (begun in 1974) involve groups of young people, ages 12–25 who convey messages of universal peace and racial harmony through the performing arts (Contact: 847/733-3499 or via email: *us-nyc@bcca.org*). Bahá'i college clubs on campuses across the U.S. are open to all students; they sponsor activities that teach equality of the sexes, racial unity, and the application of spiritual principles to contemporary social issues.

Moslem Youth of North America*
P.O. Box 38
Plainfield, IN 46168
FAX: 317/839-1840

An organization of young people of the Moslem faith, ages 12–18. Promotes Islamic learning, community service, and a sense of identity for Moslem youth in North America. Holds an annual summer conference. Older youth serve as advisers for youth of pre-MYNA age. *Unable to obtain current information.*

Muslim Youth Organization (1991)
P.O. Box 597067
Chicago, IL 60659
Faisal Khan, President
773/465-6725
Email: *myo1@hotmail.com*

A youth-led organization for students from elementary school through college age. Although the membership is primarily Muslim, others are welcome. The group works in the community to promote a healthy lifestyle and prevent young people from becoming involved in the street culture. The organization currently operates primarily in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Western Young Buddhist League (1948)
Buddhist Churches of America
1710 Octavia Street
San Francisco, CA 94109
415/776-5600
FAX: 415/771-6293

Coordinates the activities of Buddhists of the Jodo Shinshu denomination, from high school students through young adults. Holds an annual conference and leadership workshop.

Resources

Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (1973)
8520 MacKenzie Road
P.O. Box 6900
St. Louis, MO 63123-3433
Mark P. Hazlewood, Executive Director
800/933-7729
314/638-1017
FAX: 314/638-7250
Email: *info@Praypub.org*
URL: *www.Praypub.org*

Provides religious program materials to supplement Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Camp Fire programming in local churches. Four program levels are provided for students in grades 1-12. Its major resource, *God and Country*, focuses on Christian growth for church members involved in these youth programs. The organization also sponsors conferences to link churches and youth agencies. Publishes *Youthscope* three times a year (free), with information about the Commission and resources available for building church-youth agency relationships.

Reach Out Ministries, Inc. (1977)
3961 Holcomb Bridge Road, Suite 201
Norcross, GA 30092
Barry St. Clair, Founder/Executive Director
770/441-2247
FAX: 770/449-7544
Email: *reach-out@reach-out.org*
URL: *www.reach-out.org*

Provides training for church youth leaders to assist them in communicating effectively with students in local churches, worldwide. Through training modules, personal encouragement, and "resource equipping," youth workers discover and learn how to develop strategies to reach youth, set and accomplish priorities, recruit additional leadership, and maintain a vibrant personal faith.

Success with Youth (1951)
Rainbow Publishers
P.O. Box 2789
La Jolla, CA 92038
Dan Miley, General Manager
800/638-4428
619/578-4795

A nondenominational, evangelical publisher of Bible-teaching books for young people. A catalog is available.

Youth Leadership, Inc.
122 W. Franklin Avenue, Suite 510
Minneapolis, MN 55404
Rev. Dennis McLuen, Executive Director
612/870-3632
FAX: 612/870-4656
Email: *Ythlead@aol.com*

A nondenominational training organization committed to preparing adults to serve adolescents and their families. Services include an accredited Graduate School of Youth Ministry that offers a master's degree in youth ministry through two cooperating Minnesota seminaries. Offers in-service seminars for youth workers, training for volunteers, and workshops for parents of teenagers.

See also:

The Center for Youth Studies, page 166; **Children's Defense Fund,** pages 167-168; **Group Publishing, Inc.,** page 170; **Youth Specialties, Inc.,** page 184.

Conservation and Humane Education Groups

At present, many of the organizations listed in this section do not sponsor club programs for youth at the national level. However, many of their local affiliates have active programs for youth members, and inquiry should be made locally. Some of the groups sponsor expedition and summer programs for high school youth. Write to the national offices for descriptions of these programs.

These organizations publish relatively low-cost conservation or nature study materials appropriate for use by other youth groups. Catalogs or publication lists are available from the national offices.

American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) (1866)
424 E. 92nd Street
New York, NY 10128
Director of Education
212/876-7700
FAX: 212/860-3435
Email: *education@aspca.org*
URL: *www.aspca.org*

America's oldest humane society provides assistance and resources on humane education to teachers and youth group leaders. ASPCA materials help incorporate humane themes into lesson plans and youth programs. Children learn respect and empathy for animals, the environment, and each other. Call or write for a free catalog.

Earth Force (1994)
1908 Mount Vernon Avenue, 2nd Floor
Alexandria, VA 22301
703/299-9400
FAX: 703/299-9485
Email: *earthforce@earthforce.org*
URL: *www.earthforce.org*

Earth Force is a national, youth-driven, nonprofit environmental organization whose mission is to provide young people, ages 10–14, with educational experience in working with their communities to care for the environment now, while developing lifelong habits of active citizenship and environmental stewardship.

The Earth Force CAPS Program (Community Action & Problem Solving) helps young people identify local concerns and take action leading to long-term improvement of the environment by changing local policy or citizen behavior, and helps develop citizenship skills. National Campaigns are also conducted to focus on an issue of importance to young people, and to enable thousands of young people to work collectively on improving their local and national environment.

EARTHWATCH (1972)
680 Mount Auburn Street, Box 9104
Watertown, MA 02172
Roger Bergen, President
800/776-0188
617/926-8200
FAX: 617/926-8532
Email: *info@earthwatch.org*
URL: *www.earthwatch.org*

A nonprofit organization that recruits volunteers for field research expeditions in disciplines ranging from archaeology to zoology. People ages 16 and older may join any of 135 expeditions in 54 countries and 24 states. Current projects include working with Australian scientists studying humpback whales, helping with archaeological excavations in Majorca or Israel, and evaluating maternal and infant health in Zimbabwe. One-to-two-week research sessions are directed by noted university scholars, and volunteers pay a share of the costs of the research. Membership includes subscriptions to six *EARTHWATCH* publications. A catalog is available.

The House Rabbit Society (1988)
P.O. Box 1201
Alameda, CA 94501
510/521-4631
URL: *www.houserabbit.org*

The House Rabbit Society is a nonprofit all-volunteer organization that rescues abandoned rabbits and educates the public in rabbit care. It promotes the well-being of domestic rabbits as companion animals, and believes that spaying and neutering are in the best interest of house rabbits. It also believes that, except for rehabilitation, it is in the best interest of wild rabbits that human intervention be held to a minimum. The HRS Web site provides basic information about rabbit care and lists local chapter contacts.

Inner City Outings (1971)
Sierra Club (1892)
85 2nd Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105
Debra Asher, Inner City Outings Coordinator
415/977-5568
FAX: 415/977-5795
Email: *debra.asher@sierraclub.org*
URL: *www.sierraclub.org/outings/ico*

A community outreach program of the Sierra Club. Trained volunteer leaders provide wilderness adventures and environmental educational experiences for urban youth of diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds, senior citizens, hearing or visually impaired individuals, and the physically disabled. Specific programs will vary. Contact your local Sierra Club chapter for information.

The Izaak Walton League of America (1922)
707 Conservation Lane
Gaithersburg, MD 20878
Julie Middleton, Save Our Streams Program Director
301/548-0150
FAX: 301/548-0146
URL: *www.iwla.org*

Save Our Streams (SOS) is a citizen-action program for protecting surface water. Individual young people and organized youth groups can take part in the program. By adopting a stream, young people commit themselves to its care on a year-round basis. The League publishes materials related to the protection and wise use of natural resources. Many local affiliates have Uncle Ike programs for youth. SOS adoption kits and materials are available at low cost—a list is available. Write for a free brochure on how young people can save streams.

Kids For A Clean Environment (Kids F.A.C.E.) (1989)
P.O. Box 158254
Nashville, TN 37215
Trish Poe, Director
800/952-FACE (800/952-3223)
615/331-7381
FAX: 615/333-9879
Email: *kidsface@mindspring.com*

Founded by nine-year-old Melissa Poe in 1989, Kids F.A.C.E. is an environmental action organization for youth ages 9 and older. Local chapters and individual members are encouraged to create environmental programs that fit the needs of their own schools and communities. Such projects have included recycling programs, planting trees, keeping logs of the energy they use, and writing plays and commercials about the environment. Members share ideas through a bimonthly newsletter. Membership is free.

Kids for Saving Earth Worldwide (1990)
P.O. Box 421118
Plymouth, MN 55442
612/559-1234
FAX: 612/559-6980
Email: *KSEWW@aol.com*
URL: *www.shaklee.com*

The first Kids for Saving Earth (KSE) was founded in 1989 by 11-year-old Clinton Hill, who, along with his classmates, believed that young people can help protect the Earth. He started KSE shortly before he died of cancer. His parents carried on his dream of an official organization. KSE's mission is to educate and empower children through action-oriented educational materials and activities. KSE provides educational materials such as *Earth Work Central*, an environmental curriculum notebook; the *Kids for Saving Earth News;* Education-to-Action programs about land, air, water, and all living creatures; the EPal Connection; the colorful Promise Membership Certificate; and much more. Write, email, FAX, or call KSE for more information.

Kids in Bloom®, Inc. Living History Seeds (1992)

P.O. Box 344
Zionsville, IN 46077
Kay Grimm, Director
317/290-6996

A company that deals in "heirloom" seeds—strains of vegetables, garden flowers, and wildflowers that have been passed on from generation to generation, adapting naturally to their environments along the way. Focus is on education and preservation of diversity, as young people take on the role of seed guardians through hands-on experience. Seeds are packaged for young people; each packet comes with instructions and blooming tips, as well as with a history of the plant and how it has been used through the years. A seed catalog is available for $2.

National Association for Humane and Environmental Education (1974)

P.O. Box 362
East Haddam, CT 06423-0362
860/434-8666
FAX: 860/434-9579
URL: *www.nahee.org* or *kindnews.org*

The youth education division of the Humane Society of the United States. Promotes kindness toward people, animals, and the Earth through sponsorship of **Kids In Nature's Defense (KIND) Clubs** at the elementary school level. Publishes *Kind News*, a monthly newspaper for children in grades K–6, available at three reading levels. Each issue is sent to the classroom in bundles of 32 copies with a teaching guide. Each class that receives *Kind News* automatically becomes a KIND Club. Individuals, civic groups, and businesses can supply teachers with subscriptions through the Adopt-a-Teacher program. NAHEE publishes materials for secondary level students, including the *Student Action Guide, Student Network News*, and the teaching packet *Alternatives to Dissection*.

National Audubon Society (1905)

National Education Office
700 Broadway
New York, NY 10003
Tolbert V. Spence, Vice President for Education
212/979-3182
FAX: 212/353-0347
URL: *www.audubon.org/audubon*

The Audubon Adventures program provides curricular materials for in-school use (youth ages 10–11). Audubon Expedition Institutes are available for youth ages 12–15; other expedition programs are available for those 16 and older (age limits will vary). Sponsors summer educational programs, with academic credit available. In addition to the programs of the national office, local affiliates offer many other opportunities for youth.

National Bird-Feeding Society (1989)

2218 Crabtree
P.O. Box 23
Northbrook, IL 60065-0023
Sue Wells, Executive Director
847/272-0135
Email: *birdseye1@aol.com*

A club for people of all ages who enjoy feeding their backyard birds. Funds research and educational projects that promote improved feeding techniques, better housing, and more effective ways to attract birds. Promotes bird feeding as a family activity. Publishes bimonthly newsletter, *The Birds-eye reView*.

National Energy Foundation (1973)
5225 Wiley Post Way, Suite 170
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Edward A. Dalton, Ed.D., President and CEO
801/539-1406
FAX: 801/539-1451
Email: *info@nef1.org*
URL: *www.nef1.org*

A nonprofit educational organization devoted to the development of instructional materials and the implementation of innovative teacher training and student programs. Creates and distributes economical instructional materials dealing with energy, water, mining, science, technology, conservation, the environment, and other national resource topics. NEF is supported by businesses, government agencies, associations, and the education community. Its materials and programs enhance and supplement existing curricula. NEF invites all to join in the quest to improve education and prepare a scientifically and technologically literate public.

National Wildlife Federation (1936)
8925 Leesburg Pike
Vienna, VA 22184-0001
Phil Kavits, Vice President for Communications
703/790-4000
URL: *www.nwf.org*

Publishes magazines for children and adults; produces a nationally acclaimed environmental education activity series, *NatureScope*, for educators; and sponsors National Wildlife Week. Current publications are offered for a nominal fee—call and ask for an information directory and publications list. Subscribers to *Ranger Rick* magazine automatically become members of Ranger Rick's Nature Club. Local clubs meet independently of the National Wildlife Federation. The Federation also manages the EarthSavers® club program for youth ages 6–14. Adults interested in forming EarthSavers® clubs should write to the above address.

Operation Outreach–USA Inc. (1991)
10 Cochituate Street
Natick, MA 01760
Judith Golden, President
508/650-4979
FAX: 508/650-4707

A national literacy and character education program for students in grades PreK–8. Provides books to students, and interdisciplinary classroom materials to sponsors and teachers. Promotes nonviolence and compassion for all living things.

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) (1980)
501 Front Street
Norfolk, VA 23510
Ingrid Newkirk, President
757/622-PETA (757/622-7382)
FAX: 757/622-0457
Email: *peta@norfolk.infi.net*
URL: *www.peta-online.org*

The nation's largest animal rights organization. Its guiding principle is "Animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on, or use for entertainment." Has literature for young people on animal rights issues, including companion animal care, vegetarianism, dissection, and things they can do to help animals. *GRRR! The 'zine that bites back* is a free magazine for young people. PETA also provides support to students who object to classroom dissection. Students who need information for school reports or projects can call the student literature line at ext. 691 or check PETA's Web site. PETA's literature is available free of charge to students. For other information, contact Bobbi Hoffman, Education Manager, at ext. 440.

The Student Conservation Association, Inc. (1957)

National Headquarters
689 River Road
P.O. Box 550
Charlestown, NH 03603
Dale M. Penny, President
603/543-1700
FAX: 603/543-1828
Email: *internships@sca-inc.org*
URL: *www.sca-inc.org*
Contact the national headquarters office for information about the SCA office nearest you.

SCA places volunteers ages 16 and older in national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges to accomplish a wide variety of conservation work. An adventurous opportunity to learn about the environment firsthand and to develop personal and career goals. The crews work for three to four weeks during the summer and spend an additional week at the end on a wilderness trip. For adults 18 and older, the Resource Assistant Program offers 12–16-week positions throughout the year. Other opportunities include the Conservation Career Development Program, which seeks to encourage diversity in conservation professions, and *Earth Work Magazine*, a monthly publication for and about those in the conservation field.

Student Environmental Action Coalition (1988)

P.O. Box 31909
Philadelphia, PA 19104
215/222-4711
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
Email: *seac-office@seac.org*
URL: *www.seac.org*

A coalition that brings a sense of unity to the many existing environmental groups on high school and college campuses throughout the nation. Provides training for grassroots organizing; publishes the monthly magazine *Threshold*.

Touch America Project (TAP) (1983)

USDA–Forest Service
Room 1010 RPE
P.O. Box 96090
Washington, DC 20090
Don Hansen, Manager, Volunteer Programs
703/235-8858
FAX: 703/235-1597

A volunteer program for youth ages 14–17 to learn about the nation's natural resources. Young people work on conservation projects on public lands. This is a partnership program with major youth organizations and other groups interested in conservation.

Youth for Environmental Sanity (1990)

420 Bronco Road
Soquel, CA 95073
Ocean Robbins, Director
408/662-0793
Email: *yes@yesworld.org*
URL: *www.yesworld.org*

YES! offers week-long and two-week-long summer camps that train youth, ages 15–25, to be environmental leaders. YES! Camps teach communication skills, teamwork, conflict resolution, organizing for social change, healing racism and sexism, learning about environmental issues, and making empowering choices—all in an environment that is fun, inspiring, and filled with new friends. YES! also has a high school, college, and conference speaking tour that delivers a live, upbeat, inspirational, humorous, and moving environmental presentation.

See also:

National Gardening Association, page 25; **National Junior Horticultural Association,** page 16.

Service Organization Youth Programs

Anchor Clubs (1952)
Pilot International
Pilot International Building
P.O. Box 4844
Macon, GA 31208-4844
Cynthia Mills, Executive Director
Gina Wyatt, Anchor Coordinator
912/743-7403
FAX: 912/743-2173
Email: *pilot.hdqtrs@internetmci.com*

A voluntary service organization (of primarily high school age youth) sponsored by local Pilot Clubs. Anchors work with Pilot members on projects to assist and increase awareness of those affected by brain-related disorders. Local clubs also work with Alzheimer's disease patients, Special Olympics programs, Safe Prom programs, and in preventing head injuries and driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Builders Club (1975)
Kiwanis International
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268
John Minnick, Director
Stan Soderstrom, Coordinator of Sponsored Programs
800/549-2647
317/875-8755
FAX: 317/879-0204
Email: *kiwanismail@kiwanis.org*
URL: *www.kiwanis.org/bldclub/bhom.htm*

A school-based community service and leadership development program for youth ages 11–14. Kiwanis International also sponsors Key Club International (see page 112).

C.L.A.S.S. Program (1991)
International Training in Communication
2519 Woodland Drive
Anaheim, CA 92801
Muriel Bryant, Executive Director
714/995-3660
FAX: 714/995-6974
Email: *itcmb@aol.com*

The Communication, Leadership, and Speaking Skills Program is an eight-week training program for junior and senior high school students. Program is in use in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa. C.L.A.S.S. replaces the Zenith Club program.

Excel Clubs (1929)
National Exchange Club
3050 Central Avenue
Toledo, OH 43606-1700
David A. Nershi, Executive Vice President
800/XCHANGE (800/924-2643)
419/535-3232
FAX: 419/535-1989
Email: *nechq@aol.com*
URL: *www.nationalexchangeclub.com*

Sponsored by local Exchange Clubs for high school youth. Works to promote responsible American citizenship and service to the community. Sponsors the One Nation Under God program and the National Youth of the Month and Year awards.

Interact (1962)
Rotary International
1560 Sherman Avenue
One Rotary Center
Evanston, IL 60201
Lisa Williams, Program Coordinator, Community Programs Section
847/866-3296
FAX: 847/328-8554
Email: *williamsl@RIORC.MHS.compuserve.com*
URL: *www.rotary.org*

Clubs for youth ages 14–18 dedicated to service and international understanding. Aims to develop constructive leadership and personal integrity, as well as an attitude of individual responsibility. Clubs may be school- or community-based. Among other youth programs, Rotary International sponsors Rotaract, a worldwide organization for young adults ages 18–30 that improves the lives of others through community and international service projects. Write or call for more information.

See also:

Youth Exchange Program, page 76.

Junior Civitan International (1935)

Civitan International
P.O. Box 130744
Birmingham, AL 35213-0744
Mary M. Luck, Staff Director
800/CIVITAN (800/248-4826)
205/591-8910
FAX: 205/592-6307
Email: *civitan@civitan.org*
URL: *www.civitan.org*

A service club for youth in middle school/junior and senior high schools. Seeks to promote good citizenship in the home, school, and community; encourage high standards of scholarship and respect for the law; support good government; and develop leadership through service. Junior Civitan members also aid persons with physical and mental disabilities on the local, district, and international levels. Clubs may be all male, all female, or coed, and are sponsored by adult Civitan Clubs.

Junior Optimist Octagon International (1920)

Optimist International
4494 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63108
Teri Flotron, Director of Programs and Youth Clubs
314/371-6000
FAX: 314/371-6006
Email: *youthclubs@optimist.org*
URL: *www.optimist.org*

Four different club levels from elementary school through college promote leadership and encourage youth involvement in their communities. Clubs are located throughout North America. Members are dedicated to service and civic affairs and receive leadership training and opportunities for travel to district and international conferences; they may participate in an awards program.

Key Club International (1925)

Kiwanis International
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268
Stan Soderstrom, Administrator of Key Club
800/549-2647
317/875-8755
FAX: 317/879-0204
Email: *Kiwanismail@kiwanis.org*

A high school student organization that promotes service to school and community, citizenship, and leadership training. Kiwanis International also sponsors Builders Club (see page 111) and Circle K.

Leo Club Program (1967)

Lions Clubs International
300 22nd Street
Oak Brook, IL 60523-8842
Rose Mary Ozga, Manager, Youth Programs Department
630/571-5466, ext. 323
FAX: 630/571-8890
URL: *www.lionsclubs.org*

Promotes leadership development among youth ages 12–28, encouraging them to assume leadership roles within their clubs and to provide service to others.

See also:

Lions Youth Outreach Program,
page 80.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

Rotary International
1560 Sherman Avenue
One Rotary Center
Evanston, IL 60201
Aida Olkkonen, Program Coordinator
847/866-3423
FAX: 847/866-6116
URL: *www.rotary.org*
or contact your local Rotary Club for information

A leadership training program open to qualified youth ages 14–30; participants are chosen by local Rotary clubs. Applicants must be well-organized and demonstrate good listening and problem-solving skills, administrative aptitude, friendly rapport with others, and a willingness to master public speaking. Participants attend an all-expense-paid workshop with other young people from communities in their area (lasts three to ten days). Seminars are organized and run by Rotarians and include a wide range of educational topics tailored to the age group in attendance. Program stresses exchange of ideas, career exploration, leadership skill development, conflict resolution, and personal responsibility as role models in their communities.

S Clubs (1958)

Soroptimist International of the Americas
Two Penn Center Plaza, Suite 1000
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215/557-9300
FAX: 215/568-5200
Email: *siahq@voicenet.com*
URL: *www.siahq.com*

An organization for junior and senior high school students who wish to serve their schools and communities. S Clubs are sponsored by local Soroptimist Clubs.

School Safety Patrols (1920)

AAA
1000 AAA Drive
Heathrow, FL 32746
Check phone book for the AAA Club nearest you. Each club has its own URL.

For students in grades 5–8 in U.S. schools and 30 foreign countries. The national organization publishes policies and standards developed collaboratively with several national organizations, such as the National Congress of PTAs and the National Safety Council. Patrols are organized in schools and assisted by local AAA affiliates. In some cities, patrols are supported by several sponsoring organizations. Activities will vary from one jurisdiction to another. Belts, badges, rain wear, awards, membership and parent-consent cards, handbooks and manuals, and much more are provided by local AAA affiliates. For more information, contact local AAA offices.

Serteen Clubs (1971)

Sertoma International
1912 E. Meyer Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64132
Leslie Freese, Director of International Sponsorships
800/593-5646
816/333-8300
FAX: 816/333-4320
Email: *infosertoma@sertoma.org*
URL: *www.sertoma.org*

For junior and senior high school youth; sponsored by local Sertoma Clubs. Young people provide service and raise funds for projects related to the needs of their own communities.

Self-Help Organizations

Alateen (1957)

Al-Anon Family Group Headquarters, Inc.
P.O. Box 862, Midtown Station
New York, NY 10018-0862
Alateen Administrator
800/356-9996 (for meeting information)
757/563-1600 (for general information)
FAX: 757/563-1655
URL: *www.alateen.org*

A fellowship of young Al-Anon members, usually teenagers, whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking. They learn that they are not the cause of anyone else's drinking or behavior, they cannot change or control anyone but themselves, they have spiritual and intellectual resources to develop their own potential, and they can build satisfying and rewarding life experiences. At meetings, young people share their experiences, strength, and hope with one another but offer no advice. Meetings are conducted by the young people themselves and guided by an Al-Anon member.

Cocaine Anonymous World Services (1982)

P.O. Box 2000
Los Angeles, CA 90049-8000
K. D. Zager, Executive Director
800/347-8998
310/559-5833
FAX: 310/559-2554
Email: *k.d.@ca.org*
URL: *www.ca.org*

Not a youth organization, but they welcome young members who are recovering from cocaine addiction or who have a close relationship with such an individual. The national organization is a federation of state and local chapters that use the Twelve Step recovery program.

Daughters and Sons United (1972)

Giarretto Institute
232 E. Gish Road
San Jose, CA 95112
408/453-7616
FAX: 408/453-9064

DSU is the children's component of Giarretto Institute, assisting sexually abused children and their families. Internationally, DSU offers professionally led counseling programs and a guided self-help program designed to help children support each other and speak out to break the cycle of child abuse. DSU is affiliated with Parents United and has more than 100 chapters across the country. To locate a DSU chapter in your area, contact: Parents United International, Inc., 615 15th Street, Modesto, CA 95354 (209/572-3446).

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth Hotline (1990)

The Indiana Youth Group
P.O. Box 20716
Indianapolis, IN 46220-0716
800/347-TEEN (800/347-8336)
317/546-8336
FAX: 317/545-8594
Email: *IYGTEEN@aol.com*

A national peer counseling and informational line for self-identified gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth younger than 21. Seeks to help reduce feelings of isolation and rejection, build self-esteem, offer social support, and provide information that will curb high risk behavior and the spread of HIV infection and AIDS. The line is open year-round from 7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. (EST), on Friday and Saturday.

IYG offers professional services, educational forums, social outlets, and trainings to youth younger than age 21 and to youth-service providers. Operates chapters in cities throughout Indiana. These chapters are regional hubs for educational forums and peer activities. A pen-pal network is also available.

Global Nomads International (1985)
P.O. Box 9584
Washington, DC 20016-9584
Catherine Kehrig, Chair
202/466-2244
FAX: 757/499-7320
Email: *info@gni.org*
URL: *globalnomads.association.com*

A nonprofit organization for individuals of all ages and nationalities who have lived abroad before adulthood because of their parents' career. Helps members work to understand their "globally nomadic" past through affirmation of the worth of the experience, exploration of the impact of the experience (benefits and challenges), and taking action to see how they may best apply the gifts of their international heritage to benefit themselves and the larger community. Encourages the formation of Global Nomad communities and university campus clubs worldwide. Holds workshops for parents, counselors, and others in the community who work with internationally mobile families.

Global Nomads encourages worldwide communication via the Internet. There are several independent Web sites, and Global Nomads has a "gopher" under International Organizations.

Hug-a-Tree and Survive (1981)
P.O. Box 712739
Santee, CA 92072
Ab Taylor, Founder and President
619/286-7536
URL: *www.tbt.com/hugatree*

A wilderness safety education program for children ages 5-12 designed for presentation in school assemblies and to youth organizations. It teaches young people how not to get lost, how to stay safe and comfortable if they do get lost, and how to increase their chances of being spotted and found.

Narcotics Anonymous (1953)
World Service Office
P.O. Box 9999
Van Nuys, CA 91409
818/773-9999
FAX: 818/700-0700
Email: *info@wsoinc.com*
URL: *www.wsoinc.com*

A fellowship of recovering addicts who help each other stay clean. There are no dues or fees for services, and NA is open to any addict regardless of age, race, sexual orientation, creed, religion, or lack of religion.

National Self-Help Clearinghouse (1977)
25 W. 43rd Street, Room 620
New York, NY 10036
Dr. Frank Riessman, Director
212/642-2929
FAX: 212/642-1956
URL: *www.selfhelpweb.org*

Provides information and referral to self-help groups and clearinghouses throughout the country. Runs conferences and fairs, trains self-help group leaders, and helps to facilitate start-up of self-help groups. Publishes a quarterly newsletter and other materials on how to organize self-help groups.

National Youth Advocacy Coalition
1711 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 206
Washington, DC 20009
202/319-7596
FAX: 202/319-7365
Email: *NYouthAC@aol.com*

The National Youth Advocacy Coalition (NYAC) is the only national organization solely focused on improving the lives of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) youth through advocacy, education, and information. NYAC advocates for and with GLBT youth through the collaboration of a broad spectrum of community-based and national organizations who are NYAC "Participating Organizations." NYAC seeks to end discrimination against GLBT youth and to ensure their physical and emotional well-being. NYAC sponsors five regional events across the U.S., and an annual national SUMMIT in Washington, DC.

NYAC's Bridges Project is the national information clearinghouse on GLBT youth, providing information, resources, assistance, and referrals. Information packets compiled by persons working in the field are available; in addition to general issues, packets contain material related to schools and education, religious issues, policy and program models, as well the "Safe Zone" sticker campaign.

Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (1981)
1101 14th Street NW, Suite 1030
Washington, DC 20005
202/638-4200
FAX: 202/638-0243
Email: *info@pflag.org*
URL: *www.pflag.org*

A national, grassroots movement organized in more than 400 communities across the United States, representing more than 69,000 member households. Provides local support to gay, lesbian, and bisexual individuals and their families and friends. Educates people locally and nationally about sexual orientation. Advocates equal rights and the end of discrimination. Offers publications and resources specific to the needs of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people and their families. Hosts a national conference annually. Some chapters have youth groups organized locally.

RAINBOWS (1983)
1111 Tower Road
Schaumburg, IL 60173
Suzy Yehl Marta, Founder and President
847/310-1880
FAX: 847/310-0120
Email: *rainbowshdqtrs@worldnet.att.net*
URL: *www.rainbows.org*

A 12-week support program for youth from elementary school through high school age who are experiencing grief following a loss due to death or divorce. Trained volunteer facilitators work with small groups of young people to help them get through the grieving process. Materials are available for use in religious and secular settings.

See also:

Boys Town National Hotline, page 169.

Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Prevention Organizations

America's PRIDE Program (1977)
National Parents' Resource Institute for Drug Education
3610 Dekalb Technology Parkway, Suite 105
Atlanta, GA 30340
Dr. Thomas Gleaton, President/Founder
Jody Cameron, National Program Director
770/458-9900
FAX: 770/458-5030
URL: *www.prideusa.org*

Dedicated to creating an international generation of drug-free youth. Offers a comprehensive range of drug prevention programs and services to parents, youth, community organizations, and educators throughout the United States and in 29 other nations. Presents energetic weekend retreats for youth that emphasize education, leadership, communication, and performance. Program levels include PRIDE Junior (elementary students), Club PRIDE (junior high students), and America's PRIDE (high school students).

International Good Templars Youth Fellowship

International Organization of Good
Templars National Council of the USA
(1851)
National Office and Museum
2926 Cedar Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55407
Arlene Melton, National Director of
Youth Work
612/721-7606
FAX: 612/721-7606
221 10th Street
Wilmette, IL 60091

One of the pioneer organizations educating young people about total abstinence from alcohol or other drugs. Holds a national conference, an International Congress, and a worldwide cultural conference, all triennially.

Join Together (1992)

441 Stuart Street, 7th Floor
Boston, MA 02116
617/437-9394
FAX: 617/437-9394
Email: *info@jointogether.org*
URL: *www.jointogether.org*

Join Together is a national resource center for communities working to reduce substance abuse (illicit drugs, excessive alcohol and tobacco) and gun violence. Maintains a national data base of people working on substance abuse and gun violence issues. The Join Together National Fellows Program recognizes community leaders who have made significant contributions toward reducing the harm from substance abuse and who have the potential to provide long-term leadership to this ongoing effort. *(See additional information about Join Together in the Online Resources section on page 120.)*

"Just Say No" International (1985)

2000 Franklin Street, Suite 400
Oakland, CA 94612-2908
Ivy Cohen, President
John de Miranda, Vice President for
Program Services
800/258-2766
510/451-6666
FAX: 510/451-9360
Email: *youth@justsayno.org*

Provides materials, technical assistance, and training to help youth ages 5–18 lead healthy, productive, and drug-free lives. Researched, developed, and introduced YOUTH POWER program (1993) to foster young people's resiliency, drawing on and encouraging the skills and attributes that allow youth to cope with challenges and adversity. Four separate projects of the program provide a framework for empowering youth to discover and hone their assets to succeed in all areas of their lives.

Loyal Temperance Legion (1877)
Youth's Temperance Council
Tots for Temperance
White Ribbon Recruits

Woman's Christian Temperance Union
1730 Chicago Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201
FAX: 708/864-9497
Natalie Wilson, National Executive
Director, LTL
3789 Northland Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90008
Kecia Jent, National Executive Director,
YTC
2901 Kingsbury Court
Bloomington, IL 61704

Youth groups dedicated to total abstinence as the most effective means of avoiding the abuse of alcohol and other drugs. The WCTU pioneered in the education of youth against substance abuse. Groups include White Ribbon Recruits (infants through age 3, dedicated by their parents), Tots for Temperance (ages 3–5), Loyal Temperance Legion (ages 6–12), and Youth's Temperance Council (teens through young adults). The WCTU's Signal Press (Evanston address) publishes extensive materials on substance abuse prevention that are available at very low cost. A catalog is available.

National Association of Teen Institutes (1984)

c/o C.D.C.
100 Billingsley Road
Charlotte, NC 28211-1072
Edith Sanchez, Administrator
704/376-7447
FAX: 704/376-2172

A coalition of autonomous state and local organizations that conduct Teen Institutes designed to train teenagers in substance abuse prevention skills. Trained teens return to their communities and implement prevention programs. Individuals and organizations that support the Teen Institute concept may join as Individual Members. Annually conducts a national Teen Training Institute and a national conference on prevention.

National Family Partnership (1980)*

11159-B S. Towne Square
St. Louis, MO 63123
314/845-1933
FAX: 314/845-2117
URL: *www.nfp.org*

A national nonprofit organization dedicated to the formation and support of local parent and youth groups. Sponsors the National Red Ribbon Celebration, which promotes drug awareness and prevention of the illegal use of tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. Also sponsors Advanced Youth Leadership Training conducted during the annual conference. Students who attend this training return to their own communities with specific skills and plans for working toward a supportive drug-free environment and drug-free youth. CODE RED (formerly REACH and Lifers) is a two-day seminar with separate training programs for middle/junior high and high school students. Emphasizes a strong "no use" message and informs young people about tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; addresses the impact of advertising on behavior; teaches peer pressure reversal skills and peer leadership skills. Trains students in how to conduct drug education presentations for elementary school students and teen groups in their communities. *Unable to obtain current information.*

Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) (1982)

101 Depot Road
Chatham, MA 02633
William F. Cullinane, Executive Director
508/945-3122
FAX: 508/945-3944
Email: *bc57@capecod.net*

An organization of students united to combat underage drinking, drug abuse, and impaired driving—the nation's number one killer of youth. The expanded mission of the organization against destructive decisions addresses issues such as violence, suicide, AIDS, binge-drinking and other risk-taking behavior. Provides a community awareness program, and promotes the use of the student-parent contract and the party guide. School-based programs include Students Against Doing Drugs (middle school), Students Against Driving Drunk (high school), and Student Athletes Detest Drugs (a program for athletes). The college program encourages contracts among friends. Formerly known as Students Against Driving Drunk.

Youth to Youth International (1982)
CompDrug (1971)
700 Bryden Road
Columbus, OH 43215
Lori Kannally, Jill Povoli, Directors
614/224-4506
FAX: 614/224-8451
Email: *y2yint@netset.com*
URL: *www.y2yint.com*

A comprehensive youth leadership and community-based drug prevention program for middle school and high school students. Provides a summer conference training series for teams of adults and youth. Provides leadership and Speakers Bureau training for teens. Offers "drug-free gear" such as T-shirts, buttons, and manuals. Has continuous programming throughout the year.

See also:

Alateen, page 114; **Center for Science in the Public Interest,** page 28; **Cocaine Anonymous World Services,** page 114; **The Links Foundation, Incorporated,** page 173; **Narcotics Anonymous,** page 115, and organizations in the **Character-Building Organizations** and **Social Welfare and Community Development Groups** sections.

Resources

Campaign for Tobacco-free Kids (1996)
1707 L Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20036
Judith Glanz, Manager, Outreach
800/284-KIDS (800/284-5437)
202/296-5469
FAX: 202/296-5427
Email: *jglanz@tobaccofreekids.org*
URL: *www.tobaccofreekids.org*

The Campaign for Tobacco-free Kids is the country's largest nongovernment initiative ever launched to protect children from tobacco addiction. Strategies include: raising awareness that tobacco use is a pediatric disease; changing public policies to limit the marketing and sale of tobacco products to children; altering the environment in which tobacco use and policy decisions are made, and actively countering the tobacco industry and its special interests.

The Campaign serves as a resource and partner for more than 100 health, civic, corporate, youth, and religious groups dedicated to reducing tobacco use among children. The campaign disseminates information and implements media campaigns and events; assists state and community-level programs; reaches out to broaden the base of organizations and individuals involved; undertakes research and analysis; coordinates with federal, state, and local governments; and promotes supportive public policies. Call the toll-free number to find out how to join in this effort.

Do It Now Foundation (1968)
P.O. Box 27568
Tempe, AZ 85285
James Parker, Director
602/736-0599
FAX: 602/736-0771
Email: *doitnow123@earthlink.net*

Publishes low-cost booklets, leaflets, posters, and reports on drugs, alcohol, and health-related issues. Not a membership organization. A catalog is available.

Partnership for a Drug-Free America (1986)
405 Lexington Avenue, 16th Floor
New York, NY 10174
212/922-1560
FAX: 212/922-1570
URL: *www.drugfreeamerica.org*

The Partnership was formed by the American Association of Advertising Agencies, and is a coalition of volunteers from the communications industry; its mission is to reduce the demand for illegal drugs through media communication. The Partnership's work is based on the premise that the nation's drug problem is driven by societal attitudes that accept drugs, and the perception that drugs are not dangerous. Based on the belief that changing attitudes is the key to changing behavior, the Partnership seeks to reduce demand for illegal drugs by changing public attitudes—to "denormalize" drug use by making use less glamorous and acceptable. The Partnership produces materials for helping adults teach children; it makes referrals to other organizations in the field. The Partnership is apolitical and is beholden to no special interest or organization; it is supported by more than 150 corporations and foundations. (*See additonal information about the Partnership in the Online Resources section below.*)

Online Resources

Drug-Free Resource Net

www.drugfreeamerica.org

A "full-service" resource center conducted by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America. The site includes a comprehensive drug-information database including what various drugs look like and what they do; general information on drug-related topics that includes ways to get involved in drug-use prevention, the Partnership's position on national drug-related issues, and more. The "Help For Parents" section outlines parents' roles in prevention and getting help; provides tips and links to other resources.

Join Together Online

www.jointogether.org

An online resource center and meeting place for communities and individuals working to reduce use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco, and to reduce gun violence. Site includes current news and information about the latest scientific research in the substance abuse field, information about public policy issues, community action efforts and an events calendar, funding resources, a national directory of who is doing what, a "hot issues" section, and the Join Together store. The National Forum provides opportunities for online discussion, and links to related Internet sites.

Hereditary, Veterans, Military, and Patriotic Groups

American Legion and Auxiliary Youth Programs

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary sponsor a broad range of youth services, including Boys State/ Boys Nation (see page 64), Girls State/ Girls Nation (see page 65), and American Legion Baseball (see page 35). They hold annual oratorical contests and other competitive events. Local posts often sponsor troops or clubs affiliated with other national youth organizations.

Junior Members, American Legion Auxiliary (1919)

777 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204
National Secretary
317/635-6291
FAX: 317/636-5590
Email: *alahq@iquest.net*
URL: *www.legion-aux.org*

Membership is open to female descendants (up to age 18) of Legion members and men or women who saw active duty in WWI, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War. Activities stress service to the community and the organization. Write for additional details on membership criteria.

Sons of the American Legion (1932)

P.O. Box 1055
Indianapolis, IN 46206
John W. Kerestan, SAL Staff Liaison
317/630-1204
Email: *tal@legion.org*
URL: *www.legion.org*

Membership is open to male descendants, adopted sons, and stepsons of members of the American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during WWI, WWII, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War. The program is devoted to a spirit of true Americanism and a sense of obligation to community, state, and nation.

Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Ladies Auxiliary Youth Programs

In addition to their youth organizations, the VFW and its Ladies Auxiliary jointly sponsor several competitive scholarship programs. Voice of Democracy, an audio/essay competition, is a script-writing contest in which more than 500,000 youth participate annually through their schools; finalists compete for $116,000 in scholarships. They also sponsor the Young American Creative Patriotic Art Awards and the Outstanding Young Volunteer of the Year Awards. Members of Junior Girls Units of the Ladies Auxiliary VFW are also eligible to compete for the Junior Girls Scholarship. The VFW encourages local Posts to sponsor youth sports and scouting programs.

Junior Girls Units (1935)

Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
Margaret Bergeron, National Secretary-Treasurer
816/561-8655
FAX: 816/931-4753

Membership is open to girls ages 6–16 who are daughters, foster daughters, stepdaughters, granddaughters, sisters, half-sisters, foster sisters, and stepsisters of veterans eligible for memberhip in the VFW or Ladies Auxiliary. Junior units are organized through local auxiliaries. The program encourages service to hospitalized veterans and the community.

Sons of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (1930)

VFW Building, 7th Floor
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111
Gordon R. Thorson, Director of Youth Activities
816/756-3390
FAX: 816/968-1157

Membership is open to males through age 18 whose fathers or grandfathers are eligible for membership in the VFW (i.e., have received a campaign ribbon for overseas duty). The program is designed to build rapport between fathers and sons. Youth units are sponsored through local VFW Posts.

Additional Organizations

Children of the Confederacy (1955)

United Daughters of the Confederacy
328 North Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23220-4057
804/355-1636
FAX: 804/353-1396

For youth from birth to age 18 who are lineal descendants of Confederate men and women who served honorably in the Civil War.

Children of the Republic of Texas (1891)

The Daughters of the Republic of Texas
510 E. Anderson Lane
Austin, TX 78752
Virginia VanCleave, CRT Director
512/339-1997
FAX: 512/339-1998
Email: *drt@onr.com*

For youth younger than age 21 who are descended from men and women who were citizens of, or soldiers for, Texas before February 19, 1846. The program emphasizes studying Texas history, preserving historical artifacts, and cherishing the cultural heritage of Texas.

Devil Pups, Inc. (1954)

70 S. Lake Avenue, Suite 1050
Pasadena, CA 91101-4706
Richard H. Linsday, President
626/356-0020
FAX: 626/356-1334

A citizenship program for boys and girls ages 14–17 conducted at Camp Pendleton during the month of July. Stresses physical fitness and the development of good citizenship, including discipline, self-confidence, respect for others, and national pride.

Junior American Citizens Committee (1906)

Daughters of the American Revolution
1776 D Street NW
Washington, DC 20006-5392
Clark W. Duffe, National Chairman
202/628-1776
FAX: 202/879-3252

Seeks to instill good citizenship in youth of all races, creeds, and economic backgrounds by teaching loyalty to the United States and by giving practical ideas for service to home, community, school, and country. Membership is open to all youth from preschool through high school.

Junior Sons of America (1847)

Patriotic Order, Sons of America
5301 Tacony Street, Box 136
Philadelphia, PA 19137
Harvey Stoehr, Executive Secretary
215/289-2646

A civilian patriotic order devoted to promoting an appreciation for our heritage of freedom. Sponsors educational tours and study of the Constitution. Youth up to age 16 may belong to the junior order; between ages 16 and 18 they may transfer to the adult organization.

National Organization, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War (1881)

440 Clark Drive
Hammonton, NJ 08037-1011
David Hann, National Secretary
609/567-7532
Email: *COLELLET@erols.com*
URL: *www.suvcw.org*

An organization for lineal descendants of Union Veterans of the Civil War (either direct or collateral). Youth ages 8–14 may join as Juniors. Males ages 14 and older are eligible for membership in the adult organization. Girls ages 12 and older are eligible for membership in the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

National Society of the Children of the American Revolution (1895)

1776 D Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
Administrator
202/638-3153
FAX: 202/737-3162

For lineal descendants from birth to age 21 of patriots of the American Revolution.

Ethnic Heritage Groups

The organizations in this category exist to preserve and promote the material culture and traditions of a particular ethnic heritage. Some are restricted to youth of a specific ethnic background, while others are open to all who are interested. Some have insurance functions as fraternal or mutual benefit societies. Many offer scholarship programs.

American Carpatho-Russian Youth (1939)

American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese
312 Garfield Street
Johnstown, PA 15906
Bishop Nickolas Smisko
814/536-4207
Very Rev. John R. Fedornock, National Spiritual Advisor
211 Cable Avenue
East Pittsburgh, PA 15112
412/824-0246

Seeks to foster, perpetuate, uphold, protect, learn, and maintain the faith of their Fathers, the Holy Eastern Orthodox Greek Catholic Faith. Promotes the healthy, clean, spiritual, social, cultural, educational, and athletic development of the young people of the Carpatho-Russian diocese. Fosters true Americanism, loyalty, and allegiance to the government of the United States. Junior Groups are for youth ages 8–18, Senior Groups are for ages 19 and older. Supports the institutions of the Diocese such as the Seminary, Monastery, Youth Camp, and Church Schools.

American Romanian Orthodox Youth (1950)

4730 Tahiti Drive
Akron, OH 44319
Joe Bologa, National President
330/644-1970
URL: *www.roe.com/aroy*

For youth in their teens to age 30 who are members of Romanian Orthodox parishes. Young people support projects of the church and assist with summer camping and church-school programs. Sponsors sports tournaments in football, soccer, basketball, volleyball, and softball.

American Sokol Organization (1865)

6424 W. Cermak Road
Berwyn, IL 60402
Fred Kala, President
708/795-6671
FAX: 708/795-0539

Promotes Czech culture, customs, and language, but membership is open to all. Fosters physical fitness through gymnastics instruction and competitions, as well as through other sports such as golf, swimming, volleyball, and track.

ARCA-YD (1969)
Fellowship (1984)

Association of Romanian Catholics of America–Youth Department
1700 Dale Drive
Merrillville, IN 46410-1340
George Stroia, Director
219/980-0726
FAX: 219/980-8312

ARCA-YD (for youth to age 21) and the Fellowship (young adults ages 18–35) promote religious and cultural traditions of Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church; holds annual conference on Memorial Day weekend at ARCA Conference Center in Wolcottville, IN. Groups provide service for the Church, individual parishes, and the Conference Center. Also conducts annual golf outing on Labor Day weekend; promotes fund-raising to improve the Conference Center, camping facilities and program for junior and senior camp weeks. Have recently re-established contacts with the Church in Romania.

Armenian Church Youth Organization of America (1946)

Diocese of the Armenian Church of America
630 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10016
212/686-0710
FAX: 212/779-3558
Email: *DAJ2000@aol.com*
URL: *www.Hyenet.com/ACYOA*

The national youth program of the Diocese of the Armenian Church, with chapters in local parishes throughout the Diocese, seeks to encourage members to practice and uphold the teaching of the Christian faith according to the doctrine, sacraments, and canon of the Armenian Apostolic Church; to strengthen the Armenian Church and promote the study and appreciation of the Armenian culture and heritage; and to strengthen spiritual and social bonds and contribute to the development of a healthy community life among Armenians.

ASPIRA Association, Inc. (1961)

1444 Eye Street NW, Suite 800
Washington, DC 20005
Ronald Blackburn-Moreno, President and CEO
202/835-3600
FAX: 202/835-3613
Email: *aspira1@aol.com*
URL: *www.incacorp.com/aspira*

The first nonprofit organization in the United States dedicated to encouraging and promoting education and leadership development among Hispanic youth. Founded by a group of community leaders and professionals concerned about the high dropout rate among Hispanic high school students, and the social and economic conditions in the Hispanic community. Local offices offer youth leadership development, community service opportunities, and educational counseling for high school and college students; and provide a forum for group discussion, workshops, and tutoring. ASPIRA programs are designed to improve the quality of life and educational opportunities for the Hispanic community.

Association of American Youth of Ukrainian Descent (1950)

4004 Roanoke Circle
Minneapolis, MN 55422
Anatoly Lysyj, M.D., President
612/377-4031
FAX: 612/377-4031

For youth ages 7–35 of Ukrainian birth or descent. Promotes Ukrainian language, arts, and music and the study of Ukrainian history and culture. Operates a summer camping program. Members take part in international festivals and public exhibitions.

Belarusan-American Youth Organization (1950)

P.O. Box 1123
New Brunswick, NJ 08903
George Azarko, President
908/560-8610

For people ages 15–35 of Belarusan descent. Promotes the culture and sponsors folk-dancing groups. Seeks to inform the American public about the struggles of the Belarusan people. The scholarship program supports graduate education in Eastern European area studies.

Cherokee Nation–Youth Fair Chance (1995)

P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465
Dr. Ricky A. Robinson, Executive Director, Education and Human Services
Larry Ketcher, Director, Youth Fair Chance
918/456-0671, ext. 2462
FAX: 918/458-6165
Email: *CNYFC@netsites.net*

The objectives of the program are to ease access to appropriate education and to increase the rate of school completion, enrollment in advanced education, employment and training, and comprehensive support services. Youth ages 14–30 are eligible to receive these services, regardless of family income or other conditions that would otherwise limit eligibility for existing services. The Cherokee Nation program operates in northeastern Oklahoma only.

Cherokee Nation Youth Leadership Program (1982)

P.O. Box 948
Tahlequah, OK 74465
Jerry Snell, Director, Family Assistance Department
Londa Cox, Division Manager, Family Assistance Department, Youth Programs (Tribal Services)
918/456-0671
FAX: 918/456-6216

Seeks to develop the potential of Cherokee youth ages 16–21. Provides guidance and direction to prepare them for the workforce. Conducts the Summer Youth Employment Program. The Summer Youth Tribal Internship program includes work in a professional setting, and workshops on Cherokee history and tribal cultural heritage. Additional youth activities take place throughout the summer.

Federated Russian Orthodox Clubs (1927)

10 Downs Drive
Wilkes Barre, PA 18705
Carol Deerson, President
717/825-3158
FAX: same as phone number (call first)

For youth of the Russian Orthodox faith. The program includes cultural, religious, athletic, and social activities, and promotes service to others. Conducts a summer camping program and other activities.

Fraternal Dept., Polish Roman Catholic Union of America (1897)

984 N. Milwaukee Avenue
Chicago, IL 60622
Dolores Spejewski, Vice President, Fraternal Department
773/278-3210
FAX: 773/278-4595
Email: *homeoffice@prcua.org*
URL: *www.prcua.org*

PRCUA is a fraternal benefit society that maintains a life insurance department for the benefit of its members. The Fraternal Department sponsors Polish language classes, dance and choral groups, presentation balls, gymnastics, junior bowling, fishing derby, and other activities for youth. Also conducts national softball, basketball, bowling, and golf tournaments. Offers student loans and student scholarships.

Greek Orthodox Young Adult League (1951)

8 E. 79th Street
New York, NY 10021
Father Anastasios, National Youth Director
212/570-3560
FAX: 212/861-2183
Email: *franastasios@goarch.org*
URL: *www.2.omaccess.com/yal*

A program for youth of the Greek Orthodox faith. Activities include leadership development, religious education, and athletic and camping programs.

Hermann Sons Youth Activities (1953)

Order of the Sons of Hermann in Texas
P.O. Box 1941
San Antonio, TX 78297
Lee Vogel, Vice President/Fraternal
210/226-9261
FAX: 210/226-3055
Allan "Buddy" Preuss, Camps Director
P.O. Box 629
Comfort, TX 78013-0629
830/995-3223

A fraternal benefit society. Originally, lodge members were German, but current membership is open to everyone. Local lodges sponsor youth chapters that raise money for charitable causes and provide service. The Grand Lodge sponsors dance classes and conducts two summer camps. Most members are from the state of Texas.

Indian Youth of America (1978)

609 Badgerow Building
P.O. Box 2786
Sioux City, IA 51106
Patricia Trudell Gordon, Executive Director
712/252-3230
FAX: 712/252-3712

Dedicated to improving the lives of Native American children and youth, and building self-esteem and pride in Native American culture. Encourages members to take advantage of opportunities and experiences that will foster career, cultural, and personal growth. Conducts a summer camping program.

Junior Cultural Federation of America Junior Tamburitzans (1966)

Croatian Fraternal Union of America (1894)
100 Delaney Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Bernard M. Luketich, National President
412/351-3909
FAX: 412/823-1594

Local lodges throughout the United States and Canada sponsor youth activities that promote Croatian language and culture. Music and dance groups perform at an annual Tamburitzan festival. Groups are open to all youth with an interest in Croatian culture.

Junior Division, Ancient Order of Hibernians in America (1836)

31 Logan Street
Auburn, NY 13021-3925
Thomas McNabb, National Secretary
315/252-3895
FAX: 315/252-6996

Separate groups for junior boys and girls ages 9–16 are sponsored by local lodges. The groups promote Irish history and culture, step-dancing, choral groups, and tin whistle instruction. Youth provide service to adult lodges and to people in need in the community.

Junior Order of the Serb National Federation (1901)

One Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15222
George Martich, President
Louis Cherpes, Marketing Director
412/642-7372
FAX: 412/642-1372
Email: *SNF@serbnationalfederation.org*
URL: *www.serbnationalfederation.org*

Junior division programs for youth up to age 16 are sponsored through local lodges. Promotes Serbian customs and language and the welfare of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Members of this fraternal benefit association are primarily Americans of Serbian descent, or friends of Serbian Orthodox Christians.

Junior Ukrainian Orthodox League of the U.S.A. (1962)

One St. John Parkway
Johnson City, NY 13790
Father Myron Oryhon
607/797-1584

An organization of young members (through age 17) of the Ukrainian Orthodox church. Most activities are planned within local congregations. Runs a summer camping program; holds an annual national convention and the Teen Conference. Promotes interest in Ukrainian spiritual and cultural heritage. Maintains communication with youth in Ukraine and Ukrainian youth throughout the world.

Knights of Lithuania Juniors (ca. 1940)

1110 Darlene Drive
Endicott, NY 13760
John R. Mankus, National President
607/754-1241
FAX: same as phone number (call first)
Maria Deksnis, Vice President,
Knights of Lithuania Juniors
3330 W. 85th Street
Chicago, IL 60652
773/476-5896

Youth of Lithuanian descent through age 18 are members of junior groups; youth ages 18 and older belong to young adult councils. Fosters interest in Lithuanian culture, language, and traditions.

Maids of Athena (1930)

Daughters of Penelope
1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009
Helen Pappas, Executive Director
202/234-9741
FAX: 202/483-6983

Promotes high ethical standards, patriotism, democratic traditions, and an appreciation of Greek culture. Youth are the junior auxiliary of the Daughters of Penelope, and support health-related philanthropies.

National Indian Youth Council (1961)

318 Elm Street SE
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Norman Ration, Executive Director
505/247-2251
FAX: 505/247-4251

Not primarily a youth organization, but provides services to youth. Assists Native American people in attaining civil rights, promotes social and economic development, and encourages education and employment through a program for recent high school graduates.

National Indian Youth Leadership Development Project (1983)

814 Boardman
P.O. Box 2140
Gallup, NM 87301
McClellan Hall, Founder and Director
505/722-9176
FAX: 505/722-9794

Provides opportunities for Native American youth to become capable individuals and positive contributors to their communities. Holds leadership-training camps nationally. Operates year-round demonstration programs for middle school and high school students, their parents, and communities that seek to develop appropriate leadership models growing from the traditional Native American cultures. Young participants in the camps and demonstration programs develop service projects to carry out in their home communities. NIYLDP also operates the Native American office for the National Service Learning Initiative through support from the Kellogg Foundation and the National Native American Technical Assistance Center under a grant from the Commission on National and Community Service.

NULITES (1991)

National Urban League
Youth Development
120 Wall Street, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007
Renita E. Carter, Coordinator
212/558-5470
FAX: 212/588-5332

Sponsored by the Urban League, for youth ages 10–18, the NULITES program reflects the positive aspects of urban youth in today's society, while promoting and developing leadership, and providing opportunities for community service by young people. Chapters are run by local Urban League affiliates, which provide the program's educational seminars and community service opportunities. For additional information about the National Urban League, see page 179.

PLAST, Ukrainian Youth Organization (1911)
144 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003
President (elected annually)
212/475-6960
FAX: same as phone number (call first)

A coeducational organization based on Scouting principles. Promotes character development, physical fitness, skill building, and service. Seeks to perpetuate Ukrainian cultural heritage.

Polish National Alliance of the United States of North America Youth Programs (1880)
6100 N. Cicero Avenue
Chicago, IL 60646
Stanley M. Jendzejec, Vice President and Chairman of Sports and Youth Commission
773/286-0500
FAX: 773/286-4836

A fraternal insurance association. Conducts sports programs and national bowling, golf, and softball tournaments. Local lodges have activities that promote Polish language, dance, and music.

Slovak Catholic Sokol (1905)
205 Madison Street
P.O. Box 899
Passaic, NJ 07055
Steven M. Pogorelec, Supreme Secretary
800/886-7656
201/777-2605
FAX: 973/779-8245

A Life Insurance and a Fraternal Benefit Society for American Catholics of Slovak descent. Promotes gymnastics and calisthenics as well as other sports, including bowling, golf, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Holds a biennial track and field meet; offers scholarships to members.

Sokol USA (1896)
276 Prospect Street
P.O. Box 189
East Orange, NJ 07019-0189
Milan S. Kovac, Supreme Secretary
201/676-0280
FAX: 201/676-3348

Slovak fraternal benefit organization. Promotes gymnastics and other sports; sponsors tournaments in bowling, gymnastics, volleyball, and golf. Provides scholarships for study of physical education to deserving members. Local lodges promote Slovak culture. The organization is also known as the Slovak Gymnastic Union Sokol of the U.S.A.

Sons of Norway Youth Club (1986)
Sons of Norway
1455 W. Lake Street
Minneapolis, MN 55408
Orlyn A. Kringstad, Chief Fraternal Officer
800/945-8851
612/827-3611
FAX: 612/827-0658
Email: *fraternal@sofn.com*
URL: *www.sofn.com*

A fraternal program for youth of high school and college age. Promotes Norwegian language and culture.

Sons of Pericles (1926)

Junior Order of AHEPA
1909 Q Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20009
Andrew Kaffes, Executive Secretary
202/232-6300
FAX: 202/232-2140
Email: *AHEPA@ix.netcom.com*
URL: *www.ahepa.org*

Promotes education, athletics, and service to others. Seeks to create good citizens and capable leaders. Promotes family life and a love and understanding of the ideals of both American and Hellenic cultures.

SPJST Youth Clubs (1934)

Slavonic Benevolent Order of the State of Texas
P.O. Box 100
Temple, TX 76503
Howard Leshikar, President
254/773-1575
FAX: 254/774-7447

Youth clubs are organized through local lodges to promote fellowship and interest in Slavonic culture. Holds competitions at the lodge and state level. Membership is mainly from the state of Texas.

Ukrainian-American Youth Association, Inc. (1949)

Office address:
136 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10003
Mailing address:
P.O. Box 211
Cooper Station
New York, NY 10276
212/477-3084
FAX: 212/505-2577

For youth of Ukrainian descent ages 4 and older. Educates in the cultural, historical, and spiritual basis of Ukrainian society. Programs of more than 20 local branches in the United States include folk dancing, music, sports teams, and cultural events. Conducts summer camping programs in seven North American locations.

United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (1976)

4010 Lincoln Boulevard, Suite 202
P.O. Box 25042
Oklahoma City, OK 73125
J. R. Cook, Executive Director
405/424-3010
FAX: 405/424-3018
Email: *unity@unityinc.org*
URL: *www.unityinc.org*

A national nonprofit organization serving the individual and collective needs of American Indian and Alaskan Native youth. Seeks to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of Native youth and to build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through involvement of its youth. UNITY is designed to develop leadership, promote self-sufficiency, and instill cultural pride among Native youth, in the spirit of unity.

UNITY works with tribes, Alaskan Native villages, high schools, colleges, and urban organizations in developing local youth councils which, in turn, mobilize youth to affect positive community change.

Youth of Evrytania (1945)

Evrytania Association of America
121 Greenwich Road, Suite 212
Charlotte, NC 28211
Olga P. Kleto, Office Secretary

For young descendants (ages 18–25) of people from the Greek province of Evrytania. Promotes interest in the culture, sponsors trips to Greece, provides scholarships, and holds an annual convention.

See also:

Co-ette Club, page 78; **Jack and Jill of America, Inc.,** page 80; **Junior Daughters/Junior Knights of Peter Claver,** page 98; **The Links Foundation, Incorporated,** page 173; **NAACP Youth and College Division,** pages 65–66; **National Association of**

Youth Clubs, page 80; **National Black Child Development Institute,** page 174; **National Council of La Raza,** page 176; **National Tots and Teens, Inc.,** pages 80–81; **National Urban League,** pages 179; **Order of Pythagoreans,** page 131.

Youth Lodges and Orders

Included below are only those societies that meet regularly as youth lodges or orders. Many other fraternal and sororal orders also offer a variety of services for youth. Inquiry should be made at the local level.

Constellation of Junior Stars, Inc. (1949)

11 Mark Lane
New City, NY 10956
Joyce Bidnick, President of the Grand Council
914/638-3128
FAX: 914/639-1832
Email: *agen115@j51.com*

A charitable organization for girls ages 11–21, related to the Masons. The program stresses service to others.

Degree of Anona (1952)
Degree of Hiawatha (1952)

Great Council of the United States Improved Order of Red Men
4521 Speight Avenue
Waco, TX 76711
Robert E. Davis, Great Chief of Records
254/756-1221
Email: *redman@texasinternet.com*

The youth programs of the Order of Red Men—Degree of Anona is for girls, Degree of Hiawatha for boys. Both promote freedom, friendship, and charity.

Degree of Honor Protective Association Junior Clubs (1925)*

445 Minnesota Street, Suite 1600
St. Paul, MN 55101-1080
Jacqueline Felling, National President
612/228-7600
FAX: 612/224-7446

The clubs promote civic responsibility through educational, social, and service activities. Members belong to the Degree of Honor, a national fraternal insurance society. *Unable to obtain current information.*

International Order of Job's Daughters (1920)

Promotes spiritual and character development among girls ages 11–20 who are related to Master Masons. For information about the Job's Daughters organization, contact your local Masonic or Eastern Star Order office.

Junior Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows (1923)

The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.
422 Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
Terry L. Barrett, Sovereign Grand Secretary
910/725-5955
URL: *www.128.125.109.137/IOOF.html*

Young men may join the Order between ages 8–18 and remain members through age 21. Junior Lodges are sponsored by local adult lodges and promote community service and fundraising for various health and education philanthropies. Members develop a fraternal relationship among their membership and seek to understand the purpose of life, a true knowledge of government, and a patriotic spirit. The organization promotes good physical and mental health.

Junior Order, Knights of Pythias (1938)

Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias
1495 Hancock Street
Quincy, MA 02169
Alfred A. Saltzman, Supreme Secretary
617/472-8800
FAX: 617/376-0363
Email: *KOP@earthlink.net*
URL: *www.pythias.org*

Open to all young men ages 12–18. Promotes the virtues of friendship, charity, and benevolence. Prepares young men to reaffirm their commitment to the Order, Knights of Pythias. Enacted by Congress, February 19, 1864.

National Grange Junior (1888) National Grange Youth and Young Adults (1945)

1616 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
Emalee Colver, National Junior Director
Jeff Wetzel, National Youth and Young Adult Director
202/628-3507
FAX: 202/347-1091

The National Grange (1867) is an agricultural, community, and family fraternity. Youth ages 5–14 are members of Junior Grange; youth ages 14 and up may become full members. The youth programs are designed to build character, develop leadership, promote community betterment, instill an appreciation of high ideals, and teach the value of cooperation and service.

Order of DeMolay (1919)

10200 N. Executive Hills Boulevard
Kansas City, MO 64153-1367
William J. Mollere, Grand Secretary
816/891-8333
FAX: 816/891-9062
Email: *demolay@demolay.org*
URL: *www.demolay.org*

A fraternity for young men ages 13–21 under Masonic sponsorship. The program seeks to instill an appreciation for and understanding of leadership.

Order of Pythagoreans

A youth fraternity for boys ages 8–18, whose goals are to make better sons, brothers, men, and citizens of themselves and others. Sponsored by individual local lodges of Prince Hall Masons. Contact a local lodge for additional information.

Pythian Sunshine Girls (1930)

Pythian Sisters
215 Lincoln Avenue
Swanton, OH 43558-1019
Kathy Blake, Supreme Royal Princess
419/826-4616

Membership is open to girls ages 8–20. Promotes friendship and sociability among members, and progressive moral and intellectual ideals. Seeks to develop kindness, sympathy, and comfort among members. The organization is active in the United States and Canada.

Supreme Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls (1922)

315 E. Carl Albert Parkway
P.O. Box 788
McAlester, OK 74502
Linda Freiman, Supreme Worthy Advisor
918/423-1328
FAX: 918/423-1329

This group is under the sponsorship of Masonic, Eastern Star, and Amaranth orders. Membership is open to unmarried girls ages 11–20.

Theta Rho Girls' Club (1931)

Independent Order of Odd Fellows
The Sovereign Grand Lodge, I.O.O.F.
422 Trade Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101-2830
Terry L. Barrett, Sovereign Grand Secretary
910/725-5955
URL: *128.125.109.137/IOOF.html*

Young women may join the Order between the ages of 8 and 18, and remain members through age 21. Clubs are sponsored by local Rebekah Lodges, and the programs vary—all encourage participation in community projects for the benefit of others. Members develop a fraternal/sororal relationship within their clubs. The program seeks to help members understand the purpose of life, gain a true knowledge of government, and develop a patriotic spirit. Also encourages good physical and mental health.

Tiny Tot Clubs (1989)
Junior Service Clubs (1942)
Teen Clubs (1974)
Modern Woodmen of America
Mississippi River at 17th Street
Rock Island, IL 61201
Rita Johnson, Assistant Manager
Youth Division, Fraternal Department
309/786-6481
FAX: 309/786-5573
URL: *www.modern-woodmen.org*

Youth clubs are organized through local lodges of the sponsoring fraternal benefit society. Seeks to train youth in parliamentary procedure; promotes patriotism and service to others.

Woodmen Rangers (1903)
Woodmen of the World
1700 Farnam Street
Omaha, NE 68102
John S. Manna, Fraternal Activities
Manager
402/271-7258
FAX: 402/449-7733

Promotes and maintains a nationwide youth program for members. Provides meaningful monthly activities that stimulate physical and mental growth. Conducts an annual summer camping program. Rangers are ages 8–15. The program is sponsored by Woodmen of the World, a fraternal benefit society.

Agriculture and Livestock Associations

These organizations are primarily junior programs of adult organizations dedicated to ensuring the future quality of breeding stock and maintenance of accurate breeding records. Some groups meet as independent clubs, others work mainly through organizations such as 4-H and/or the National FFA Organization, and some do both.

In recent years, the programs of many agriculture- and livestock-related youth have broadened in scope. Typical of the activities under their sponsorship are animal breeding, raising and judging programs; junior divisional competitive events at stock shows and state fairs; essay, public speaking, photography, or other contests; queen contests; and scholarship programs.

American Berkshire Association
American Landrace Association
United Duroc Swine Registry
P.O. Box 2417
West Lafayette, IN 47906
765/497-3618 (Berkshire)
765/497-3718 (Landrace)
765/497-4123 (Duroc)
FAX: 765/497-2959 (all)

American Dairy Goat Association
P.O. Box 865
Spindale, NC 28160
Membership Department
704/286-3801
FAX: 704/287-0476
Email: *ADGAJDW2@aol.com*
URL: *www.adga.org*

American Gelbvieh Junior Association
American Gelbvieh Association
10900 Dover Street
Westminster, CO 80021
Bob Weaber, Director of Education and Research
303/465-2333
FAX: 303/465-2339
Email: *aga@gelbvieh.org*
URL: *www.gelbvieh.org/~aga*

American Hampshire Sheep Association (1889)
P.O. Box 277
Whiteland, IN 46184
Karey Claghorn, Executive Secretary
317/535-7601
FAX: 317/535-7601

American-International Junior Charolais Association (1967)
P.O. Box 20247
Kansas City, MO 64195
David Hobbs, Director of Activities
816/464-5977
FAX: 816/464-5759
Email: *charusa@sound.net*
URL: *www.charolaisusa.com*

American Junior Brahman Breeders Association
American Brahman Breeders Association
1313 LaConcha Lane
Houston, TX 77054
Todd Smith, Director of Association Activities
713/795-4444
FAX: 713/795-4450
Email: *abba@wt.net*
URL: *www.brahman.org*

American Junior Hereford Association (1956)
American Junior Polled Hereford Association (1974)
American Hereford Association
P.O. Box 014059
Kansas City, MO 64101
Director of Youth Activities
816/842-3757
FAX: 816/842-6931
Email: *records@hereford.org*
URL: *www.hereford.org*

American Junior Paint Horse Association (1974)
American Paint Horse Association
P.O. Box 961023
Fort Worth, TX 76161-0023
Teresa Berends, Youth Coordinator
817/439-3400
FAX: 817/439-3484
URL: *www.apha.com*

American Junior Shorthorn Association (1968)
8288 Hascall Street
Omaha, NE 68124
Jeff Aegerter, Junior Activities Director
402/393-7200
FAX: 402/393-7203
Email: *jeffa@beefshorthornusa.com*
URL: *www.beefshorthornusa.com*

American Junior Simmental Association (1975)
One Simmental Way
Bozeman, MT 59715
Jerry Lipsey, Executive Vice President
406/587-4531
FAX: 406/587-9301

American Milking Shorthorn Junior Society (1970)
P.O. Box 449
Beloit, WI 53512-0449
Stuart Rowe, Executive Secretary
608/365-3332
FAX: 608/365-6644

American Quarter Horse Youth Association (1961)
P.O. Box 200
Amarillo, TX 79168
Robin Devin, Director of Youth Activities
806/376-4811
FAX: 806/349-6409
URL: *www.aqha.com*

American Salers Junior Association
American Salers Association
7383 S. Alton Way, Suite 103
Englewood, CO 80112
Dean Pike, Director of Communications
303/770-9292
FAX: 303/770-9302
Email: *AMSALERS@aol.com*

Beefmaster Breeders Universal
6800 Park Ten Boulevard, Suite 290W
San Antonio, TX 78213
Wendell E. Shronk, Executive Vice President
210/732-3132
FAX: 210/732-7711

Continental Dorset Club Youth Program (1970s)
Continental Dorset Club
P.O. Box 506
Hudson, IA 50643
Marion A. Meno, Executive Secretary/Treasurer
319/988-4122

The Holstein Foundation (1989)
The Holstein Association (1885)
P.O. Box 816
Brattleboro, VT 05302-0816
Kelli F. Devino, Educational Coordinator
802/254-4551
FAX: 802/254-8251
Email: *kdevino@holstein.com*

International Arabian Horse Youth Association (1950)
10805 E. Bethy Drive
Aurora, CO 80014
303/696-4500
FAX: 303/696-4599
Email: *iaha@iaha.com*
URL: *www.iaha.com*

International Junior Brangus Breeders Association (1977)
International Brangus Breeders Association
P.O. Box 696020
San Antonio, TX 78269-6020
Terri Barber, Director of Promotions and Youth Activities
210/696-8231, ext. 23
FAX: 210/696-8718
Email: *tbarber@int-brangus.org*
URL: *www.int-brangus.org*

Jersey Youth Program (1970s)
The American Jersey Cattle Association
6486 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068-2362
Sara Gaetz, Information Director
614/861-3636
FAX: 614/861-8040
Email: *usjersey@iwaynet.net*
URL: *www.usjersey.com*

Junior Red Angus Association (mid-1970s)
Red Angus Association of America
4201 I-35 North
Denton, TX 76207-3415
Betty Grimshaw, Lynn Gordon, Administrative Directors
940/387-3502
FAX: 940/383-4036
Email: *info@redangus1.org*
URL: *www.redangus1.org*

National Junior Angus Association (1956)
American Angus Association
3201 Frederick Boulevard
St. Joseph, MO 64506
James Fisher, Director of Junior Activities
816/383-5100
FAX: 816/233-9703
Email: *angus@angus.org*
URL: *www.angus.org*

National Junior Santa Gertrudis Association (1979)
Santa Gertrudis Breeders International
P.O. Box 1257
Kingsville, TX 78364
Robert Swize, Associate Director
512/592-9357
FAX: 512/592-8572

National Junior Suffolk Sheep Association
National Suffolk Sheep Association
3316 Ponderosa Street
Columbia, MO 65201
David Kloostra, Junior Coordinator
573/442-4103
FAX: 573-443-3632

North American Junior Limousin Association (1968)
7383 S. Alton Way, Suite 100
P.O. Box 4467
Englewood, CO 80155
303/220-1693
FAX: 303/220-1884
Email: *limousin@nalf.org*
URL: *www.nalf.org*

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (1877)
1301 W. 7th Street
Fort Worth, TX 76102
Steve Munday, Executive Vice President
817/332-7064
FAX: 817/332-8523

Texas Longhorn Breeders of Tomorrow (1987)
Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America (1964)
2315 N. Main Street, Suite 402
Fort Worth, TX 76160
Don L. King, Executive Director
817/625-6241
FAX: 817/625-1388
Email: *tlbaa@tlbaa.com*
URL: *www.tlba.com*

See also:

American Morgan Horse Association Youth, page 43; **American Saddlebred International Youth Program,** page 44; **Appaloosa Youth Association,** page 44; **Pony of the Americas Club, Inc.,** page 44; **United States Trotting Association,** page 45.

Resource

A full list of the livestock record associations may be obtained from:

National Pedigree Livestock Council (1911)
272 Meetinghouse Lane
Brattleboro, VT 05301
Zane Akins, Secretary
802/257-9396
FAX: 802/254-6290
Email: *nplczva@sover.net*
URL: *www.sover.net/~nplczva*

Changed Status Organizations

The organizations that follow were listed in the sixth edition of this Directory (1996–1997). Since that time, they have changed status as shown.

Name Changes and Corrections

AAU/USA Youth Sports Program
See **Amateur Athletic Union of the United States**

Alliance Youth Fellowship
See **Alliance Youth**

American Automobile Association
See **AAA**

American Quarterhorse Youth Association
See **American Quarter Horse Youth Association**

Amnesty International Youth Program
See **Amnesty International, National Field Program**

Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
See **The Anti-Defamation League**

ARCAYD Fellowship
See **ARCA-YD; Fellowship**

Baha'i Youth Service Corps
See **Baha'i National Youth Committee**

Christian Education Publishers
See **Rainbow Publishers**

Church Education Ministries
See **Youth Quest International**

Development Specialties
See **FUNDKIT$**

Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation
See **Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY)**

Ice Skating Institute of America
See **Ice Skating Institute**

Junior Bowhunter Program
See **NFAA Junior Bowhunter Program**

Junior Olympic Archery Development
See **Junior Olympic Archery Development Program**

Kids in Bloom Seed Company
See **Kids in Bloom, Inc., Living History Seeds**

The Links, Incorporated
See **The Links Foundation, Incorporated**

Masada of the Zionist Organization of America
See **Masada/Maccabi Israel Summer Programs**

National Junior Tennis League
See **United States Tennis Association, Inc.**

National Society, Children of the American Revolution
See **National Society of the Children of the American Revolution**

National Youth Leadership Council, Inc.
See **National Youth Leadership Council**

NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Program
See **NFL Gatorade Punt, Pass & Kick**

Operation Outreach-USA
See **Operation Outreach USA, Inc.**

The Primary Association
See **The Primary**

The School-Age Child Care Project
See **The National Institute on Out-of-School Time**

Students Against Driving Drunk
See **Students Against Destructive Decisions**

Union of Orthodox Congregations
See **Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations**

U.S. Association for Blind Athletes
See **U.S. Association of Blind Athletes**

U.S.A. Track & Field
See **USA Track & Field**

U.S. Skiing
See **U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association**

U.S. International Speedskating Association
See **U.S. Speedskating**

U.S. Team Handball Federation
See **USA Team Handball**

U.S. Weightlifting Federation
See **USA Weightlifting**

U.S. Young Esperantists Organizations
See **U.S. Esperantist Youth**

U.S.A. Wrestling
See **USA Wrestling**

Youth Basketball of America, Inc.
See **Youth Basketball of America**

Youth for Understanding
See **Youth For Understanding**

Other Changes

The following group has temporarily suspended operation:

The Young Actors Guild

The following organizations are defunct:

American Zionist Youth Foundation

Children's Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Lead...or Leave
(may still be active locally on some college campuses)

NFL Youth Training Camps

Student Action Corps for Animals

The Young Writers Club

We were unable to obtain current information about the following organizations:

All American Amateur Baseball Association

American Rabbit Breeders Association, Inc.

Council on International Educational Exchange

Degree of Honor Protective Association Junior Clubs

Ezra Youth Movement

Invent America!

Lithuanian Catholic Federation Ateitis

Lutheran Youth Organization (ELCA)

National Family Partnership

Volunteers Exchange International

The following groups are active, but information is not carried in this directory at the request of the organizations:

Center for Creative Leadership

Health Occupations Student Association

Nazarene Youth International

North American Simulation and Gaming Association

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ

Tauettes, Tau Gamma Delta

YOUTH WORK ON THE INTERNET

The Internet, many say, is the most significant innovation in communication since the invention of the printing press, and is expected to have as great or greater impact on the advancement and dissemination of human knowledge—and at a much faster pace. What became the Internet began in 1969 with an experiment by the Department of Defense to link four mainframe computers involved in military research. Less than three decades later, every continent on the globe is connected through the World Wide Web—a vast network of networks that gives anyone with a computer and a modem access to the world. Literally thousands of new computers are hooked up to the Web and hundreds of new homepages appear online every day.

Youth organizations have discovered the potential of the World Wide Web. When we created the 6th edition of the *Directory of American Youth Organizations* in 1995, fewer than one in ten of the organizations listed their own Web sites. Two years later, more than half of the organizations are on the Web, with many more communicating by email and planning to create Web sites in 1998. We recommend that you check out some of the organization Web sites—particularly those of the organizations in the Resources section—as an introduction to youth work in cyberspace.

Web Services to Young Members

The Web has great possibilities for enriching the ongoing programs of youth organizations. It allows young people who are already members to keep in touch with each other, and can be a recruiting tool for new members. A prospective Boy Scout, for example, could find detailed information about Scout programs and opportunities available through the organization, as well as a year-by-year history of the Boy Scouts of America. He could find out what troops and scouts from all over the country are doing and chat electronically with them. If a girl were interested in stamp collecting, she could tap into many other networks of stamp collectors of all ages. She could join the Junior Philatelists of America and gain access to their resources. Kids can keep up with world events by checking out the Children's Express Web site or reading Time for Kids online or find out what is happening in the world of youth sports at the InfoSports site or read Sports Illustrated for Kids online. Of course, there is the danger that they would spend so much time online that they might forget to join a group!

The books listed on pages 143–144 provide information about hundreds of safe sites on the World Wide Web that provide access to a lifetime of information.

Some sites to check out:

Kidlink
www.kidlink.org

A grassroots organization for young people through age 15 that seeks to involve them in a global dialogue. Kidlink is both a free information service and a project for participants; since May 1990, some 100,000 young people in 114 countries have taken part in activities in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese, Scandinavian, German, Icelandic, Hebrew, and Turkish languages. Forums and activities include Kidcafe (individual exchanges and group discussions); Kidproj (mailing list conferences supporting short and long-term projects); Kidforum (English mailing lists for one topic at a time); Real-time Chat (that allows young people from all over the world to type back and forth to each other) and Art Exchange (through which young people submit their art to the Kidlink Gallery of Computer Art). Kidlink provides training on the content of Kidlink to teachers, parents, and others working with young people.

Voices of Youth
www.unicef.org/voy/

An electronic discussion developed as part of UNICEF's 50th Anniversary celebration that encourages young people from around the world to take part. There are three forums: The Meeting Place asks young people to think about and give their views on current global issues and challenges them to take action in their own communities; The Learning Place offers a series of interactive global learning projects to be carried out by schools or youth groups from around the world; and The Teachers' Place allows adults and young people to discuss the use of electronic networks for global education projects. Provides many links to other sites related to children and youth.

Yahooligans!
www.yahooligans.com

A search engine just for kids that covers the entire Internet and provides links to sites that can provide information or opportunities for involvement in the arts, books and literature, hobbies, entertainment, music, sports, science and technology, and more. Club Yahooligans has recently come back online; to join, a young person must have an email address (parental guidance advised). Yahooligans is the place to start a search!

Youthlink
www.youthlink.org

A project of the Foundation of America (3020 Children's Way, MC#5093, San Diego, CA 92123; 619/576-4044), a nonprofit organization that seeks to provide ongoing and effective forums to create support and recognition for the voice, ideas, and solutions of youth. Provides information about the First National Youth Conventions at San Diego and Chicago in 1996, where young people debated the National Youth Platform developed from thousands of responses to surveys posted on the Youthlink site or distributed nationwide. The National Youth in Action Campaign launched in 1997 seeks to involve youth in improving their communities. Campaign materials can be downloaded.

Web Services to Youth Workers

The Web also offers an immense amount of information to enhance the operations of youth-serving organizations and provide staff development opportunities. Some of this information is free, while other information is available only to members of the organization that created the site or by subscription to the service. For example, HandsNet (described below) offers a free Weekly Digest of what is happening in the world of human services. Only subscribers, however, have access to the full text of the articles and reports cited in the digest. Other sites will provide abstracts of publications for free, but link the browser to an online catalog from which to order the full publication. The Web is so vast that it is impossible to list here all the Web sites available to support youth work and youth workers. Furthermore, the Web is ever-changing—so quickly that some of what we write here today may be obsolete tomorrow. The only ways to find out what's out there at any given time are to 1) conduct a keyword search using a search engine or 2) just start surfing. Good places to start are the sites of the organizations listed in the Resources Section, such as KIDS COUNT or the Children's Defense Fund. The list below is just a small sampling of the youth work-related sites currently online.

First, the Networks

These are described in more detail in the Compendium of Information Sources on Youth published by the National Collaboration for Youth (see page 175).

CYFERNet

www.cyfernet.mes.umn.edu

Site is maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture/Cooperative Extension Service as part of its Children, Youth, and Families-at-Risk Initiative. Information comes to CYFERNet through the nation's land grant universities. Site provides the text of hundreds of complete online publications related to children, youth, and families and provides access to full-text curricula for the nonformal and experiential education of young people, program evaluation files, youth development publications, and more. Links to other Cooperative Extension Service networks and to other sites that provide information about children, teens, and families, including Web sites designed for young people and parents. Access is free.

HandsNet

www.handsnet.org

HandsNet is a national nonprofit organization that promotes information sharing, collaboration and advocacy among individuals and organizations in the human services field. One of its online services is the Children, Youth and Families Forum that includes several "folders" such as Youth Development, Employability and Education, and Adolescent Health. An introduction to each of the Forums is available free; access to the full range of HandsNet services is available only to registered users who also pay a monthly fee.

National Service-Learning Cooperative Clearinghouse

www.nicsl.coled.umn.edu

The Clearinghouse is sponsored by the National Youth Leadership Council (see page 179). It is an adjunct of the ERIC Clearinghouse on Service Learning and is funded by the Corporation for National Service. The Web site provides access to a searchable database of program information, literature, events and state contacts and links to other Web sites related to service-learning in grades K-12. Some services available free; others by subscription.

PAVNET Online

www.pavnet.org

A "virtual library" of information about violence and youth-at-risk. It is a service of Partnerships Against Violence—a cooperative effort of seven federal agencies: the Departments of Labor, Education, Agriculture, Housing and Urban Development, Justice, Defense, and Health and Human Services. It provides access to searchable data bases through which one can find descriptions of more than 500 federal and private-sector initiatives and programs designed to address youth-risk issues and prevent and/or reduce violence. Provides links to other sites such as the federal departments in the Partnership, funding sources, and more. Access is free.

YOUTHNET
www.YOUTHNET.org

The online communication system of the National Network for Youth (see page 83). Designed primarily for the more than 400 affiliates of the Network, it provides information about federal legislation, funding sources, job openings, training opportunities, and more. Some information is available free; full service is available through membership in the Network.

Some Other Helpful Sites

Adolescence Directory Online
www.education.indiana.edu/cas/adol.html

An electronic guide to information on adolescent issues from the Center for Adolescent Studies at Indiana University. Provides links to sites that provide information on health, mental health, conflict and violence, and resources for counselors. The Teens Only section provides links to teen e-zines (online magazines), homework help, sports information, pen pals, and games.

American Medical Association, Adolescent Health Online
www.ama-assn.org/adolhlth/

Provides information about comprehensive clinical preventive services that primary care physicians and other health providers provide to adolescents and their parents/guardians; provides links to the Journal of the American Medical Association archives where users can obtain the full text of articles. Also provides links to other sites that provide information about adolescent health. (See page 169 for information about the AMA Department of Adolescent Health.)

Children Now
www.childrennow.org

A project of Children Now (1212 Broadway, Suite 530, Oakland CA 94612; 510-763-2444), a nonpartisan independent organization that is committed to improving conditions for all children. The Web site includes summaries of current policy concerns and links to full-text versions of some publications (free). For example, there is extensive material related to children and television. Provides links to other sites that relate to children's issues.

Education Week on the Web
www.edweek.org

An online resource that covers all topics related to education; provides links to Education Week's archives and other related online information sources and bibliographies of print materials. Site includes A Report Card on the Condition of Public Education in the 50 States that presents a national overview and an individual report for each state.

Gallup Young Views Index
www.tnonline.com/online/featureteen/00_index.html

A topical index to the findings of the Youth Surveys conducted by the George H. Gallup International Institute (P.O. Box 140, Princeton, NJ 08542). These surveys have included topics such as communication, alienation, families, schools, fears, volunteerism, and much more. A rich source of insight into what American teens are thinking and talking about.

KidsCampaigns

www.kidscampaigns.org

A vast, online resource for adults actively seeking to make their communities "work" for children. Maintained by the Coalition for America's Children (1634 Eye Street NW, 12th Floor, Washington, DC 20006; 202/638-5770) and supported by the Benton Foundation. The site is organized around Richard Louv's book *101 Things You Can Do for Our Children's Future* (full text available online), is searchable by key words, provides program descriptions, and links to many other sites—both those of some of the more than 350 organizations that are a part of the Coalition, and others that can provide statistics, and other information about children and youth, including how American voters view children's issues.

National Network of Youth Ministries

www.nnym.org

A network that links youth workers for encouragement and spiritual growth and to share resources for effective ministry. It is hoped that as a result, every teenager can be exposed to the gospel, discipled toward a biblical lifestyle, established in a local church, and equipped to help reach the world. Provides links to church sites. Membership by subscription.

Youth Work Links and Ideas

www.angelfire.com/me/youthwork

A site for youth and everyone who works with youth. Contains games and program ideas, print resources, information about training; provides links to sites developed by young people, and to resources, programs, and services worldwide. Has a calendar of annual days, weeks, and months designated to honor and celebrate youth and youth workers around the world.

Books About the Internet

Books about the Internet are appearing almost as rapidly as new sites on the Web. There are a number of books designed to connect young people and the Internet and new ones are coming onto the market all the time. As a novice surfer, the author frequently found the sparse, simple, direct prose and clear graphics of the books written for young people to be a lot more intelligible than the often jargon-encrusted tomes directed to adult readers (which I suspect are being pored over by far more skilled and knowledgeable young people!). The author is responsible for the selection.

CyberSurfer: The OWL Internet Guide for Kids by Nyla Ahmad (Toronto, Ontario, Canada: OWL Books, 1996). Provides a history of the development of electronic communication, describes how it works and how to use it. Good discussions of net safety, ethics of use, and the dangers of pranks, hacking, Internet crime, and more. Provides Yellow Pages Section with dozens of brief site descriptions. Includes a Cyber Blastoff Disk that can be used with either Mac or Windows systems; it provides hyperlinks to the Yellow Pages sites and more.

Internet for Kids (Second edition) by Deneen Frazier, with Dr. Barbara Kurshan and Dr. Sara Armstrong (San Francisco, CA: Sybex, Inc., 1996). A "tour guide for an educational journey that technology has made possible," this book introduces the incredible resource that is the Internet. It provides "how to's" for getting on and navigating the Net to find answers, explore new subjects, discuss issues, share ideas and opinions with others worldwide, do surveys and scientific experiments on a global scale, and much more. Lists many Web sites that help young people get involved.

Kids Do the Web by Cynthia Overbeck Bix with Mary Anne Petrillo, Tom Morgan, and John Miller (San Jose, CA: Adobe Press, 1996). This book not only describes the Web, but how to become a part of it by creating Web pages of your own. Features dozens of sites created by young people, describes how they did it, the software they used, the hyperlinks they put together, and what makes each site special.

Online Kids: A Young Surfer's Guide to Cyberspace by Preston Gralla (New York: John Wiley & Sons, 1996). Provides a guide to the basics of using the Internet. Suggests activities and provides details about hundreds of Web sites for learning about all manner of things and getting homework help, as well as for pursuing hobbies, playing games, or just having fun. Each site is rated on a 1–10 "Usefulness Index" and "Coolness Index."

Yahooligans! Way Cool Web Sites by Richard Raucci and Elizabeth Crane (Foster City, CA: IDG Books Worldwide, 1996). Hundreds of Web sites that are accessible via the Yahooligans! search engine: the arts, literature, hobbies, entertainment, sports, travel, and much more. Sites are rated from "Cool" to "Way Cool." Includes a companion CD-ROM that contains software such as games, demos, and Surfwatch, which lets adults screen out sites unsuitable for young people.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

A Brief History of American Youth Organizations

The information in this section and in A Special Note to Parents (pages 9–10) was drawn from lengthy study questionnaires returned by the organizations, from interviews with more than 100 members of national youth organization staffs, and from the available professional literature.

From Missionary Societies . . .

The first organizations designed by adults specifically for young people seem to have appeared in the 1830s. Prior to that time, churches, Sabbath and day schools, and singing societies accepted youth into their memberships, but there was little separation of the age groups. The only early "youth organizations" for which we found evidence were numerous local prayer, mutual improvement, and other kinds of societies organized by adolescents for their own benefit.

Then, in 1831, the Juvenile Missionary Society of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia was formed. Despite the word "juvenile" in its name, members seem to have ranged in age from two up through the early 20s. (Like "child," "youth," and "young people," "juvenile" has had several different meanings over the years.) The missionary society idea spread to New York and perhaps elsewhere; its publication came from the Philadelphia "headquarters." By a stretch of definition, this society was the first indigenous "national" youth organization.

More in keeping with today's concept of a national organization were the Cold Water Armies that began their march under the temperance banner in 1836. Considering that many adults at that time still held that "idle hands are the devil's playthings" and approved of only limited types of recreation, the range of their activities was quite broad. In addition to parades, the young soldiers attended special talks, held picnics, formed choruses, and saved or collected funds for the less fortunate. Many of these activities are carried out by youth groups today. In fact, one of the newer organizations, "Just Say No" International, bears a remarkably strong resemblance to its early ancestor.

The oldest of the well-known organizations currently serving large numbers of American youth is the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), founded in Boston in 1851, seven years after the first "Y" was organized in London. The Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) first appeared in New York in 1855. The Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Associations (YMHAs and YWHAs) followed soon after. All of these were designed to meet the needs of young, unmarried working people, many of whom had left their families to come to the nation's cities. Working adolescents often belonged, but specific programs for boys and girls were not offered by the Ys until near the end of the nineteenth century.

In the period following the Civil War, a number of juvenile societies began to appear in conjunction with women's mission groups in the Protestant churches. There were similar developments in the Catholic schools and parishes, which organized youth sodalities. But even religious youth groups did not become widely popular until 1881, when the Society of Christian Endeavor was presented to the young members of the Williston Congregational Church in Portland, Maine. This nondenominational association spread rapidly through the small towns of America, spawning imitators and competitors. At least 50 similar programs were formed within various Protestant denominational bodies, who saw the idea as useful for keeping young people in the fold.

. . . to Meeting the Special Needs of Youth

The late nineteenth century was a period of rapid change in the worlds of children and adolescents. Where once they had been more-or-less integrated working members of their communities from about age 14 on, they were increasingly perceived as having special needs.

A variety of new institutional forms, from juvenile courts to age-graded Sunday schools, appeared as attempts to meet these needs. It soon became evident that these alone were not sufficient. Too much was happening. Young people, whose transition to adult roles once had been eased by learning and working alongside adults, were being displaced in the labor force. They were compelled to spend more of their time in schools. The West, long an outlet for adventuresome or disgruntled youth, was providing fewer options for the young person without capital. More immigrant families with scant knowledge of the realities of American life were arriving; more rural and small-town residents were migrating to the cities.

All of these factors contributed to widespread concern about the character of youth—the nation's future citizens. Suddenly young people had a lot of leisure time. Organizations appeared that set for themselves the task of developing "good character" during these potentially dangerous hours. Some of these groups saw themselves as taking over for the positive influences of the workplace and life on the frontier. In the single decade between 1910 and 1919, the Boy Scouts, Camp Fire, the Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, Junior Red Cross, Junior Achievement, the Pioneers of the YMCA, and the Girl Reserves of the YWCA were founded. These programs variously stressed health and recreation, camping and outdoor living, service to others, and the development of skills, good habits, and human virtues as the foundation for a productive and well-rounded adult life.

A number of other patterns are found in examining the development of organizations for youth. For example, many ethnic groups found their national heritages under assault during the Americanization drives of the World War I period. In response, they formed associations to help their youth preserve some of their valued ethnic traditions while accepting the new ways. Many lodges and orders, service clubs, political parties, occupational groups, and labor unions formed junior divisions as recruitment paths into the adult groups.

Organized athletic teams and programs offering guided skill development and regular play schedules came to replace the informal recreational life of the street, field, and playground. In fact, once it was recognized that youth organizations were settings in which learning could occur, they were put into place by just about any group of adults who believed they had something important to teach.

Not all adult-sponsored youth groups were equally successful. Those listed in this Directory are the survivors of well over 650 such groups. Some, long gone, once had as many as a half million members.

Local Autonomy

A few youth organizations were designed from the start to be national in their membership scope. Most, however, began with several adults who cared that a group of local children or adolescents had needs that were not being met through the activities then available.

Programs evolved during regular meetings and at first reflected the particular interests of the founding group. Organizations grew through the spread of information by word of mouth or the printed page. When similar programs existed in several locations, they frequently coalesced into an organization with some form of central administration to which they sent membership dues and records and from which they received a common set of program directions. This pattern of development led to the very strong tradition of local autonomy that most youth organizations still retain.

Differences Among Organizations Today

Although youth organizations share many characteristics, they differ in several ways. The basic differences are defined in policies and recommendations set by national boards of directors and staff. It is at the local level, however, that these are translated into the practices that directly affect their members.

Most organizations have some type of chartering or franchising process that requires a commitment to national standards. In reality, organizations vary considerably in their enforcement of charter provisions, and local operations may deviate markedly from national expectations. Some of the ways in which programs differ are discussed below.

Membership Requirements

Some organizations are open to all youth; others have gender, skill, or interest requirements. (Most single-sex organizations have, to date, been exempted from Title IX sex-discrimination requirements.) In a few organizations, a parent or other relative must be a member of the sponsoring group.

Qualifications for membership are closely related to the group's mission. Where this involves bringing together youth with widely different backgrounds to foster mutual understanding and appreciation, membership requirements are generally few. Where an organization is dedicated to transmitting a particular social, religious, or ethnic heritage, they may be more restrictive.

Leadership Requirements

Most organizations have minimum age recommendations for their leaders; some have gender, skill level, or membership in the sponsoring organization as prerequisites. There is generally an expressed hope that the leader will possess "good character" and "work well" with youth. Otherwise, there are few absolutes in this area.

Actual recruiting practices vary widely both within and between organizations.

With the discovery of the extent of the nation's child abuse problem, many organizations have developed safeguards through formal selection procedures complete with required application forms, references, and sometimes even police and FBI checks. It has become increasingly rare for an organization to settle for the first willing volunteer. The National Collaboration for Youth has developed guidelines for organizations and communities seeking to screen volunteers (see page 175).

There are times when a particular leader simply doesn't work out. Youths who drop out of organizations persistently blame leadership that is uninspired ("We do the same thing all the time") or that does not conform to the membership's conception of its needs to be led ("He/she is too bossy").

For many reasons, leaders can become embroiled in power struggles with their groups. Although youths are sometimes unreasonable or in error, too often a leader's own needs for control over the group are not in harmony with the members' very normal needs for self-direction.

The removal of an unpopular leader who expresses no wish to retire is a sensitive issue under the best of circumstances. If the person is truly inflexible in leadership style, he or she is likely to be just as rigid in other forms of interaction. It is important that people within the organization, but outside of the local unit, be available to assist in such situations with discretion, firmness, and tact.

Youth Leadership

In Europe and many other parts of the world, the leadership of youth groups is in the hands of older teens and young adults. Historically, American youth organizations have rarely chosen this direction for long, and the increasingly litigious nature of our society makes it unlikely that they will do so in the near future. The growing youth service movement, however, is reminding adults of the valuable resources and skills that young people can provide. Many organizations have developed and expanded youth/adult partnerships and leadership and governance roles for adolescents.

Leadership Training

A[illegible] organizations seem to express the hope that their leaders will be prepared. How such expectations are met varies considerably from one organization to another. Locally available training can be as informal as "having a talk" with a previous leader, or as formal as attending a well-designed sequence of sessions. Many of the larger organizations provide a range of conferences and advanced training opportunities for volunteers, including how to adapt programs to meet the special needs of disabled young people. A growing number also offer special youth leadership training.

Prepared leaders, regardless of age, are always important. They are absolutely crucial in sports and camping programs and other activities conducted away from home where safety is a factor.

Sponsorship

Generally, sponsors are expected to be committed to national organization goals and willing to maintain continuity of group leadership, membership, and program. Financial support is often expected as well, since this may reduce the necessity for group fundraising efforts and shield the young members from commercial exploitation.

Many youth organizations require a formal sponsorship agreement with an ongoing organized body such as a church, lodge, school, or parent-teacher organization. For others, an informal committee of interested adults is sufficient. In instances where the youth group is a junior division of an adult organization, sponsorship duties usually fall to an appointed committee of the board of directors.

Research suggests that formal sponsorship arrangements contribute to the stability and continuity of youth programs. Because sponsoring organizations also participate in the screening of adults who will fill leadership positions, they play an important role in ensuring the safety of young members.

Program Scope

Scouting groups, neighborhood centers, the Ys, and several of the religious organizations offer a wide choice of program activities. At the opposite end of this continuum are groups such as sports teams or hobby clubs that focus activities on a single area. The latter groups may also encourage activities that they feel contribute to wider citizenship or character-building goals.

Most of the larger organizations have adapted programs or adjusted requirements where necessary to allow physically and mentally challenged youth to participate. Some also provide special training to help leaders work with children with learning differences. However, not all local councils have the resources or experience needed to accomplish these adaptations.

The Role of Competition

Most youth groups endorse activities that are in some way competitive. They may be central to the organization's program or secondary to it. Participation may be compulsory or voluntary and may involve individual or group effort against one another, or against a stated set of standards.

Ongoing research continues to raise the alarm against the effects of early, highly competitive sports participation. The rate of physical injuries (some of them permanent) continues to rise in spite of efforts to develop more effective safety equipment and rules against "overplaying" the very able team members.

There is also growing concern about the psychological effects of competition. For example, young participants in highly competitive sports programs have been found to lag behind their peers in moral development; they tend to see others as obstacles to overcome, rather than companions out to enjoy the game. While there are intervention strategies that can help to deal with this problem, some organizations have begun to re-evaluate the overall place of competition in their programs, replacing it with activities that require collaboration so that all may succeed.

The Role of Service

Helping others has been a vital part of youth organization programs since the very beginning. It is sometimes forgotten that these groups were the pioneers, encouraging service among generations of young Americans a century and a half in advance of the service-learning movement now gaining momentum in the nation's schools. Years ago, juvenile society members performed such acts of kindness as collecting wood for needy families, running errands for the elderly, and forgoing expensive treats such as butter or sweets so that the money saved could be donated for worthy causes. Today, nearly all organizations for youth give members some opportunity to help other people or their communities.

Although the heightened interest generated by the recent work of the Commission on National and Community Service and the availability of Serve America Service Learning grants is commendable, it also means that a lot of new players are entering the field. With their many years of experience, community-based organizations have much to offer the youth service movement. It is our hope that they will be full partners in national and local efforts to furnish youth with opportunities to make meaningful contributions to the well-being of their communities.

The William T. Grant Foundation Commission on Work, Family and Citizenship reviewed and summarized the findings of research on youth service in its publication, *The Forgotten Half* (Washington, DC: 1988). The Commission's findings remain valid. To be effective, they concluded, youth service programs "must be carefully crafted; given full support, administratively and financially; be based on an understanding of the developmental needs of young people; and make a genuine contribution."

Commitment to service also continues to grow on the nation's college and university campuses. Many of the young adults who are now active in this part of the movement began volunteering as children when they were members of community-based youth organizations. Many have chosen leadership positions in these same organizations as their current avenues of service.

Opportunity for Progression

Organizations that hope to retain members for several years have attempted to develop progressively more complex sets of program activities geared to age or skill levels. In addition to providing leadership training and opportunities to practice new skills with younger members, many organizations encourage their maturing members to exercise increasing control over group management.

Camping and Summer Programs

Outdoor living and camping have been integral to the programs of many organizations since their beginnings. Such groups typically own their sites and facilities and provide low-cost, well-designed day or resident camping for their members. Other groups, newer to the camping field and attracted by the advantages gained by a concentrated experience, rent sites—generally for less than full seasons.

Although many organization camping programs exceed the accreditation standards, many do not. Parents are well advised to find out the status of any camp to which they plan to send their children.

See **American Camping Association**, page 161, and **Christian Camping International/USA**, page 168.

In attempting to retain the interest of older youth, many organizations conduct camp "counselor-in-training" programs. More recently, many camps have initiated "challenge courses" that encourage group effort and developmentally appropriate risk-taking activities. Others have moved into the field of "high adventure," offering advanced wilderness camping or canoeing, scuba-diving, etc.

Several organizations, particularly those for high school youth, do not offer actual camping opportunities but do conduct travel, leadership development, and service programs during the summer months. Some are open to all; for others, participation is by nomination or invitation. In some programs, attendance is an end in itself; in others, it is a prelude to a later leadership or training responsibility.

Some of the athletic organizations either sponsor or recommend concentrated summer training experiences for their members. Again, whether availability is general or confined to nominees will vary.

Costs of summer programs differ greatly, usually according to how heavily they are subsidized by the sponsoring organization. In a number of cases, selection for participation is an honor, and all costs are borne by the organization. For most programs, some aid is available to youth who would be prevented from participating for financial reasons.

International Emphasis

In recognition of the growing interdependence of the nations of the world, many youth organizations have developed programs to help young members understand other cultures and peoples. Several of the organizations are American branches of international federations. Others, although entirely national in their structure, have ties with overseas groups. Such international connections can broaden a young person's perspective.

Typical activities with an international emphasis include foreign travel, member exchanges, international service projects, and pen pal programs. A few organizations provide special services for American youth living outside the United States. The World Wide Web offers many opportunities for international involvement.

Product Sales

Youth organizations attain needed financial support in a number of ways. Many rely heavily on income from product sales to meet local capital and operating costs. There is considerable variation in the appropriateness of the products sold, the organization and management of sales campaigns, the percentage of profit the organization receives, the way profits are distributed, and the safety standards set for young salespersons.

Adherence to Standards

Most organizations foster a marked degree of local autonomy. This is a great source of strength for youth groups, but it can also be a source of problems. On the one hand, a local organization that is left relatively free to assess and adapt to the needs of youth in its own community may provide service more effectively. On the other hand, this same freedom makes it possible for local traditions and attitudes contrary to those of the national organization to intrude. Most organizations monitor local practices and have means to expel units that stray too far from national guidelines.

Still, organizations tend to vary in the extent to which they monitor adherence to standards set by the national organization. Appropriately chosen leadership, well prepared to undertake the particular activity at hand, remains the major assurance that youth groups and teams will be conducted in the best interests of the members.

Meeting standards set by relevant certifying and accrediting bodies is also essential for the welfare of program participants. Some areas in which compliance is important include:

- Maintenance of physical facilities at camp or program sites
- Maintenance of vehicles in which members are transported; proper licensing of drivers

- Availability of first-aid skills or, where appropriate, more complex medical expertise
- Availability of well-rated insurance coverage for both routine and unusual group activities, and of adequate fiduciary coverage for adult governing bodies
- Screening of volunteers for previous child abuse or exploitation
- Licensing or certification of coaches, referees, instructors, waterfront personnel, individuals who undertake counseling or other therapeutic programs, and so on

Cost

The annual expense for organization participation will be affected by both national and local factors. At a minimum, there are usually national membership dues, local unit dues, insurance fees, and uniform costs. These may have to be paid by the individual member, or they may be provided by the sponsoring group.

Additional expenses may arise from transportation to events or places, admission fees, special project materials, camp registration, and so on. For older, highly active participants, costs may include expenses related to attendance at out-of-town conventions, fairs, leadership training courses, or group trips.

In summary: An awareness of organization differences may raise questions among prospective members and their parents. Discussion with a group leader may reassure some, but not others. An organization should be able and willing to provide additional sources of information as requested.

Volunteers: The Vital Ingredient

The importance of voluntary effort as the mainstay of youth organizations cannot be overstated. Every one of the groups in this Directory relies heavily on the service of volunteers and is rooted firmly in the national tradition of meeting needs through voluntary association.

The roles filled by volunteers vary from one organization to another. In most, however, it is a volunteer who actually brings the program to young members. Volunteers are the leaders, coaches, advisers, and guides of the groups, clubs, troops, and teams.

The best-designed program of any national organization can only be as effective as the individuals who deliver it. As has often been said, it all depends on the leaders. The recruitment, training, and continued support of volunteer leadership rank high among organizations' priorities. Failure to monitor individual unit activities can result in poor programs and even possible danger to, or exploitation of, young members. Fortunately, cases of the latter type are very rare.

The best insurance for good programs generally comes from the broad participation and support of parents and concerned adults. Many parents who have few other opportunities to observe their youngsters in group settings find that working as adult leaders gives them insights into the ways their children cope with new situations and get along with others. Until recently, most volunteers have been women. Now that a majority of women with children younger than age 18 have returned to the labor force, this traditional volunteer base is eroding. (Studies have indicated that working women have not stopped volunteering, but rather are entering fields related to their own personal and professional development.)

Some youth organizations have developed creative solutions to this problem. For example, leadership and unit-maintenance tasks are being shared by groups of employed adults. This reduces the load carried by any one person, provides all of the parents with a means of expressing concern and interest in their children's activities, enriches the variety of activities and role models available, and serves as an informal system for guiding program content and adhering to safety standards. It also requires considerable effort to coordinate.

Although parents still provide the bulk of youth group leadership, organizations are reaching out to students, unmarried men and women, childless couples, and retired persons. Various forms of peer leadership are being initiated or expanded. Many employers have been induced to provide release time with pay for volunteer service as an employee benefit; more would probably do so if properly approached.

The organizations are doing their part by trying to match tasks to volunteers' interests and skills. They are also providing such incentives as academic credit for training courses, and official records of services rendered that can be made part of a volunteer's career résumé.

Organization Administration and Staffing Patterns

All of the larger organizations and a good many of the smaller ones employ paid staffs of varying sizes to assist in administering the programs they sponsor. National offices may set the standards for and hire all agency-connected personnel. It is more common, however, for local units to hire their own staffs.

Regardless of structure, staffing patterns vary tremendously both between and within organizations. This is also true of the standards of professionalism demanded, opportunities provided for growth and advancement within the organization, levels of compensation, and retirement and other benefit plans.

Traditionally, many youth organizations have had pay scales well below the standards set for public school teachers. Local councils with over-stretched budgets can get caught in a downward spiral of low reward/low demand/low productivity from which it is difficult to extricate themselves. Upgrading the competence of and compensation for staff has become a priority for several organizations, and a number of national efforts continue.

Fifteen of the largest youth-serving groups have recognized the program of American Humanics, Inc. (see page 162), which provides career-oriented undergraduate and graduate education programs in youth agency administration on forty college and university campuses around the country. Several other universities have developed programs in the areas of youth studies, youth worker education, youth agency administration, and the like.

The findings of the Task Force on Youth Development and Community Programs of the Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development (see page 188) has spurred increased interest in the field of youth work. Assessment of the needs of organizations engaged in positive youth development continues, as do efforts to enhance the professional development of youth workers. A number of private foundations are currently supporting staff development initiatives for youth organizations.

Efforts to improve administrative effectiveness have been accompanied in several organizations by revised corporate plans for board and staff composition, function, and operation. The introduction of change in youth organizations, as within other groups with long-standing traditions, has not always been received with equal enthusiasm throughout. The destructive rifts that developed between those who looked back and those who wished to move in new directions have largely been overcome by organizations that have faced, head-on, the realities of growing risks to the healthy development of our nation's youth.

Do Youth Organizations "Work"?

The mission statements of youth organizations are replete with expressions of lofty sentiments and hopes about what will be gained through participation. Goals shared by many organizations include:

- Providing a peer group in which friendships can develop and grow, and where there is opportunity for shared fun and cooperative work with others
- Bringing youth and adults together in a setting where each may communicate with and learn from the other
- Providing a forum for the discussion of youth concerns and problems; serving as advocates for youth in the formation of public policy
- Strengthening family life by supporting values held to be important and providing activities that may be shared within the family
- Fostering the highest possible physical, intellectual, social, emotional, and moral development
- Developing self-confidence through the mastery of skills and situations
- Developing self-awareness and increasing self-esteem
- Expanding horizons through new experiences
- Providing opportunities for career exploration and for the development of good work attitudes and habits
- Developing a concern for the welfare of others and for the institutions of society
- Providing channels of expression through which like-minded individuals may present and transmit their views
- Providing experiences in democratic decision making, the basis of citizenship
- Developing leadership skills and responsibilities; teaching the planning and management of time
- Developing an interest in the natural environment and concern for its use and preservation
- Providing opportunities for meaningful service to the community

Do youth organizations really meet these goals? Unfortunately, information that might provide a definitive answer is scarce and often anecdotal in nature. There has been relatively little research aimed at assessing the outcomes of youth organization participation.

In part, this is related to the problems inherent in carrying out such research. For example, it is difficult to tell whether an organization helps young people to develop a particular belief, or whether it simply attracts those who already hold that belief. It is possible to draw false conclusions from the results of questionnaires because young members may respond along "party lines." When observing young people in a group setting, it is

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wise to remember that their behavior might be quite different outside the group.

And it may be that the true effects of participation are realized only much later in life. One rather discouraged staff member wondered aloud if "perhaps our touch is too light" to have any effect at all on the lives of young members.

On a more encouraging note, some evaluation studies have followed the introduction of specific programs within organizations. They show fairly consistently that such desired outcomes as gain in knowledge and attitude change do indeed take place. However, most of these studies have involved specific organizations and have used only members as respondents, so it is difficult to draw conclusions about how members differ from nonmembers or former members who have dropped out.

In contrast to this meager information, there is a growing body of data relating to extracurricular participation in high school. In studies conducted for the National Center for Education Statistics, participation was found to be associated with a more positive self-image and with a greater sense of control over life events. Participating students were more likely than nonparticipating students to engage in a variety of other forms of leisure activity (with the exception of television viewing). They had higher educational aspirations and turned more often to adult family members, school personnel, and friends for help in planning their school programs and later careers. They were more likely to consider community leadership and working to correct social and economic inequalities to be important life goals.

Several follow-up studies of adults have shown that those who participated in extracurricular activities during high school attained modestly higher levels of education, occupation, and income. They were more often members of community organizations and more likely to take an active part in the political process.

Such studies have not produced much information about the causal processes that lead to such differences and outcomes. However, it seems safe to say that there are payoffs in later life for active young people who learn to handle themselves in a variety of situations and to interact with many different individuals. Organized activity facilitates such personal development.

Are Youth Organizations Still Relevant?

Youth organizations have come under fire in recent years for their failure to be relevant to the needs of today's young people. Although such criticism is not entirely without foundation, it tends to overlook the many changes that have taken place.

A number of the national organizations have developed program materials in such areas as substance abuse, self-awareness, eliminating racial and sex-role stereotypes, parenting education, consumerism, nutrition and health, preparedness for latchkey children, child-abuse prevention, building employability skills, career exploration, human sexuality, and restitution for victims of juvenile crime.

The newest class of organizations are meeting youth problems head-on. Several of these are dedicated to preventing or fighting substance abuse among their members and/or countering the effects of living in a chemically dependent family. Self-help groups for child victims of sexual and/or physical abuse, and support groups for children experiencing family problems such as divorce, death, and catastrophic illness, are also beginning to appear. Most of these are currently organized at the local level only.

No single organization has ever had the resources to develop equally strong programs of its own in all areas, and there is remarkably little sharing at the local level. Further, there have been problems of communication within organizations, both in introducing materials to local units and in follow-up to encourage their adoption. Many groups never discover just what programs are available. Finally, there have been instances where conservative local boards have rejected the use of innovative programs in their jurisdictions. This is symptomatic of some of the broader problems faced by youth organizations that seek to develop new courses of service.

By the middle of this century, many of the organized programs for youth, regardless of their origins, were viewed by parents as a means of segregating young people from the problems and contradictions of the adult world. This view of the "proper" role of adult-sponsored youth organizations persists in the minds of some of their leaders and supporters. Just as founders looked back nostalgically to the virtues presumably gained from life as lived on a long-dead frontier, a number of today's leaders now look back to a time of presumed youthful innocence and resist changes that might shatter their view of the "ideal" child or youth member.

It must also be remembered that youth organizations embody in their laws, promises, mottoes, and pledges an adult vision of the "ideal" future citizen and society. This vision did not arise in a vacuum, and its formation may have been subject to numerous stereotyping processes imposed on members by the wider society.

Youth organizations, as repositories of the group's heritage, cannot hope to remain immune to external pressure to change the definition of that group's rightful role in life and place in society. Attempts to translate changing definitions into organization policies and programs understandably have been another source of internal conflict.

Not all of the resistance comes from within the organizations, however. A number of times, with full member support, groups have launched innovative programs or extended programs to previously unserved groups to find themselves in deep trouble because they have violated the wider community's perceptions of their proper function. Because they may have repercussions on organization funding, such experiences have tended to make some groups less bold in their approach to innovation.

Yet innovate they must, if they are to survive into the twenty-first century. Standing as a bridge between generations, and at the junction of home, school, and community, youth organizations have a unique potential to "re-connect" young people to the supports that they require for healthy development. They also have a unique educational mission. Back in 1907, Lord Baden-Powell created Boy Scouting to "fill the chinks" left in a boy's education by the schools: Character, Physical Fitness, Handicraft for Making a Living (today we would call this "practical skills"), and Service to Others. One or more of these themes continues to be prominent in the mission statements of most youth groups today. And certainly the needs remain as well.

Current Trends and Future Directions in American Youth Organizations

Adult-sponsored youth organizations rarely have been at the forefront of movements for social change. It's more common to find them in a scramble to keep up with or adapt to new circumstances that govern the areas in which they operate. Some of the national trends and patterns currently affecting youth organizational programs include:

- Demographic changes in the population of the United States, such as the decline of the child and adolescent population, the rise in the aging population, the increase in the number of childless couples, and the growth in the number of households headed by single parents (including many adolescents)
- Continued immigration and the increase in the proportion of young people of color in the U.S. population accompanied by growing knowledge of global interdependence and the need to become a truly multicultural society
- Geographic shifts in the population, such as the movement away from the Northeast to the Sunbelt and the decline of families in the central cities.
- The increased influence of peers and the media on the values and behaviors of the young, and the concurrent decline in the influence of parents, teachers, clergy, and youth workers.
- Economic changes, such as the continued entry of women with children into the labor force; relatively high unemployment among youth, particularly minorities; underemployment among adults; and increased numbers of children living below the poverty line.
- Changes in school structure, such as the growth of middle schools, the consolidation and closing of neighborhood schools, the increased costs of using school facilities, declining budgets for extracurricular activities, constant changes in busing patterns, and "mainstreaming" of students with special needs. It is too early to assess the impact of the growing "school choice" movement on both school and community-based organizations.
- Legal and moral obligations arising from the civil rights and women's movements in such areas as staffing and programs, increasing the admission of girls to athletic programs, correcting imbalances in public funding of boys' and girls' programs, making services available to disadvantaged youth, and addressing the special needs of abused children and adolescents.
- Financial strains, stemming from changes in federal policies for funding social programs, placing new or increased pressures on private-sector sources; changes in tax policies (e.g., deductibility of contributions); changes in United Way procedures from funding agencies to funding programs; rapidly rising costs of liability insurance for program participants.
- Increased demands for funds for programs designed to treat problems related to poverty, teen pregnancy, dropping out of school, drug and alcohol abuse, etc., that have diverted resources from programs designed to foster the healthy development of all young people.
- Increased demands for accountability by funding agencies, and the lack of agency experience in building and using databases and in program evaluation.

Youth organizations have changed a great deal over the years and must continue to evolve within the communities where they operate. They must recognize their own potential as educational environments as well as providers of recreational activity to fill leisure hours. Young people of today have too many competing demands on their time to spend it in ways that are not meaningful for them.

Organizations must be aware of national trends affecting their membership and of the possibilities they create for new programs, as well as the problems they pose. For example, alarm at the rise in the numbers of teenagers becoming parents led to the development of some excellent parenting education materials. On the other hand, in spite of growing concern about problems created by increasing numbers of single-parent homes, few of the national organizations have yet developed comprehensive strategies to include noncustodial parents in their programs or made widespread efforts to seek them as volunteers. There are, however, encouraging approaches under development in local affiliates that may soon provide models that can be replicated nationally.

Numerous studies have confirmed that the need for affordable child care has reached crisis proportions. While initially concerns may have focused on issues of physical safety, they now include physical, social, and intellectual development as well. Many of the youth organizations are responding to this need. The YMCA, for example, has become the nation's largest provider of care for school-aged children. Nationally, Girls Incorporated and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America have also expanded and developed new programs and approaches for the after-school hours and summer vacation periods. Many YWCAs, local councils of Camp Fire, the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as county 4-H offices, are in various ways entering the after-school care field.

There are many other potential areas for program development. Some people feel that our society is becoming increasingly age-segregated to the disadvantage of all. Youth organization programs can cross age barriers. Not only are there well-designed materials and program models available for youth service to the elderly, but there are many programs that encourage older Americans to provide mentoring and guidance for youth. There are also oral history projects in which youth can interview or work with their elders to preserve their cultural heritage.

In other programs, youth work with younger children as tutors or aides in day camps, playgrounds, or church and synagogue schools. The same skills could be applied in other institutions for children such as school extended-day programs and daycare centers.

Recent research has also stimulated growing concern over poor dietary habits, declining physical fitness, and increasing obesity among our nation's young people. Promoting the development of healthy lifestyles has always been one of the cornerstones of most youth organization programs, and many are now increasing their emphasis on this area.

In good economic times, the schools added many enrichment activities, often encroaching on areas that out-of-school programs once held to be their own. With declining school budgets, many of these same activities are now defined as "frills" and are being dropped. Youth organizations could step in to fill the gaps. In educational areas such as literacy, English as a second language, health, and voter registration, the energies of young people have been put to effective use.

Not all of the future challenges and opportunities lie in the area of program development, however. In addition to creating new program options, the introduction of the computer has already made it possible for many groups to provide new and more rapid services to members.

Not the least among the possibilities for the future is presented by the expansion of the home video and cable television industries. For example, these media and the Internet offer new ways for delivering training courses to leaders and members. They also may provide new modes for communicating information about organization activities to the wider community. The applications of future technology will be limited mainly by the imaginations of organization personnel and their skills in raising the funds to pay for them.

It is tempting to continue at great length about what can be accomplished through the programs of organizations for youth. What will be done, however, will always depend on creative and flexible leadership as well as on the continued commitment of time and community resources. Increasingly, it will also depend on collaborative efforts and interagency cooperation in program development and delivery at the national, regional, and local levels of operation.

RESOURCES FOR ADMINISTRATORS AND LEADERS

Most of the following organizations are intermediary organizations (i.e., they do not work directly with youth) but offer a variety of services and materials of general interest to administrators, youth workers, and leaders of organizations for youth. Several of these associations maintain networks or serve as clearinghouses for information in areas such as volunteerism, educational and in-service training programs, youth advocacy, and service-learning. Many of the youth service programs, although aimed at providing service opportunities for older teens and young adults, become sources of volunteers for agencies serving younger children.

Award Programs

Many organizations conduct contests and award programs. If you'd like to know more, write to the National Association of Secondary School Principals (see page 174) for a copy of the Advisory List of National Contests and Activities.

American Academy of Achievement (1961)
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Malibu, CA 90265
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310/457-8052
FAX: 310/457-1413
URL: *www.achievement.org*

Seeks to "inspire youth with new dreams of achievement in a world of boundless opportunity." Holds annual three-day Salute to Excellence conference for about 400 of the nation's most outstanding high school honor students. Sponsors Achievement TV, a monthly series of live interpretive teleconferences that bring role models directly into the classroom; supporting curricular materials are available. There is no cost to schools who participate in the teleconference program.

The Congressional Award (1979)
The Congressional Award Foundation
P.O. Box 77440
Washington, DC 20013-8440
Kendall S. Hartman, National Director
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Through the combined efforts of Congress and the private sector, Congressional Awards may be earned by youth ages 14–23 who fulfill national requirements and accomplish high goals in voluntary community service, personal development, physical fitness, and expedition activities. Each award recipient is presented with a bronze, silver, or gold Congressional Award medal by a member of Congress. In addition, each receives a Certificate of Achievement from the Joint Congressional Leadership. A program description is available.

Virtual Youth Hall of Fame International (1990)
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Seattle, WA 98109
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URL: *www.youthhall.org*

The Virtual Youth Hall of Fame honors school-age youth from around the world who are taking positive action in their lives and giving back to others at home, at school and in their communities. These young people remind us that the ordinary is extraordinary through their environmental action, enterprise and community service; by sharing their talents with others in the arts and technology; and by demonstrating creativity, leadership, courage, and vision. It is hoped that this tribute to these young people will support their efforts and encourage them to pursue their dreams and goals, and that sharing their stories will inspire and motivate others.

Young people are encouraged to form local Youth Hall of Fame chapters to recognize young people in their own communities. An online "How-to" manual for starting a chapter is available through the Web site. Individuals may also be nominated online. Each youth who chooses to accept the honor must pledge to mentor and support another young person during the following year.

See also:

Academy of Model Aeronautics, pages 23–23; **Campus Compact,** page 163; **The Giraffe Project,** page 170; **National Geographic Society,** page 29; **The National Science Teachers Association,** page 29; **Odyssey of the Mind,** page 25; **Points of Light Foundation,** page 180; **The President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports,** page 33; **Science Service,** page 30; **Veterans of Foreign Wars and Its Ladies Auxiliary Youth Programs,** page 121.

General Resources

American Association for Leisure and Recreation (1938)

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URL: *www.aahperd.org/AALR/AALR.html*

A national, nonprofit membership association serving recreation professionals. Members include practitioners, educators, volunteers, and students who are involved in widely diverse professional interests. Committed to advancing the recreation profession and enhancing the quality of life of all Americans through the promotion of creative and meaningful leisure and recreation experiences.

American Camping Association (1910)

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Promotes organized camping programs; sets standards and accredits camps. Provides information services in areas of administration, legal issues, education programs, and federal legislation. Features programs in outdoor living skills, ecology, and camp directorship; holds an annual conference. Publishes *Camping Magazine* and an annual *Guide to Accredited Camps.*

The ACA Book Store carries ACA publications and distributes equipment and extensive materials related to youth development, camp management, youth sports, and camp music. A catalog is available.

American Humanics, Inc. (1948)
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Kansas City, MO 64112
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URL: *www.humanics.org/*

Organized to provide career-oriented education for those who aspire to professional employment in youth and human service agency leadership, administration, and delivery of programs. Has developed a core curriculum, co-curricular program and internship experiences to certify undergraduate students to become future nonprofit professionals. The AH program is offered in more than 40 colleges and universities nationwide. Its specialized education is recognized by 15 of the nation's major youth-serving organizations. Refer to the Web site for more detailed information on programs and publications.

American Youth Foundation (1924)
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A nonprofit organization that welcomes youth of all races, religions, and nationalities to its programs. Seeks to develop adults who will achieve their best, lead balanced lives, and serve others. Pioneered camp conferences in youth leadership education; owns and operates summer camping facilities in Michigan, New Hampshire, and California. Conducts year-round leadership programs in several U.S. cities. Equips adults to be program facilitators and offers personal and professional development programs for adults who work with youth.

Offers adventure- and experience-based leadership training programs in schools and youth agencies across the country. Financial aid makes programs accessible to youth from a broad range of economic backgrounds.

American Youth Work Center (1984)
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Works with community-based youth service agencies and other nongovernmental youth agencies to provide information, training, publications, advocacy, and international exchange opportunities for youth workers and youth service leaders. Publishes *Youth Today—The Newspaper on Youth Work* (bimonthly). Brochures are available.

Association for Experiential Education (1977)
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A nonprofit organization committed to furthering experience-based teaching and learning. Its diverse membership consists of individuals and organizations with affiliations in education, recreation, outdoor adventure programming, mental health, youth service, physical education, management development training, corrections, programming for people with disabilities, and environmental education.

AEE believes that lifelong learning is the result of allowing students, clients, or customers to be involved in decisions about what they need to learn and how to learn. Sponsors local, regional, and international conferences, projects, seminars, and institutes. Publishes the *Journal of Experiential Education*, the *Jobs Clearinghouse*, directories of programs and services, and a wide variety of books and periodicals to support educators, trainers, practitioners, students, and advocates.

Association for Volunteer Administration (1961)

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A professional association for those in volunteer management who want to shape the future of volunteerism, develop professional skills, and further their careers. Provides skill-development and career-advancement programs for members on local, regional, and national levels. Sponsors the International Conference on Volunteer Administration annually. Offers a performance-based certification program. Publishes *The Journal of Volunteer Administration* (quarterly); members also receive *Update* (bimonthly) and other materials related to volunteer management. Student memberships are available.

Campus Compact: The Project for Public and Community Service (1985)

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A coalition of more than 500 college and university presidents, Campus Compact was founded to create public service opportunities for college students and to develop an expectation of service as an integral part of student life and the college experience. Provides information and technical assistance to member campuses; helps shape policy at the federal, state, and local levels; promotes a national awareness of the important resources college students offer in the public interest; focuses on integrating service with academic study and the roles of faculty and institutional policy.

Offers the annual Howard R. Swearer Student Humanitarian Awards to recognize outstanding student community service efforts on member campuses, and the Thomas Ehrlich Faculty Award for Service Learning.

Publishes the *Compact Current Newsletter; Service Matters*, an annual compilation of statistics and model programs from member schools; and several other resource materials and manuals. Currently has 19 state offices, as well as an office for community colleges.

Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL) (1984)

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A national nonprofit organization—run by a staff of recent college graduates and students—that promotes, supports, and enhances student involvement in quality community service. Educates and empowers college students to strengthen the nation through community service. Each year, it recruits dynamic student leaders from all over the nation to join COOL.

Through training and consulting, conferences, programs, publications, networks, and other services, COOL helps campuses develop comprehensive, diverse, and student-run community service programs that have an impact on important community and social issues. Contact the national office for information on programs, publications, and services.

CAPABILITIES, INC. (1995)

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Sacramento, CA 95841
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URL: *www.CapabilitiesInc.com*

Provides resources for the home, classroom, and corporate marketplace, including seminars, workshops, books, tapes, and videos relating to Developing Capable People. Publishes a quarterly newsletter (call for a complimentary copy).

Casey Journalism Center for Children and Families (1993)

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A national resource for journalists who cover children and family issues. Its mission is to enhance reporting about the issues and institutions affecting disadvantaged children and their families, and to increase public awareness about the concerns facing at-risk children. The Center awards annual fellowships to 30 print and broadcast journalists to attend an intensive week-long conference on children's issues; also administers The Casey Medals for Meritorious Journalism, an annual awards program to honor distinguished coverage of the issues. (Application deadlines are in March for the fellowships and in August for the medals.)

The Center also publishes a quarterly newsletter and provides journalists with information about programs and trends from a database of experts. The Center is funded by The Annie E. Casey Foundation of Baltimore, Maryland, the nation's largest philanthropy dedicated exclusively to improving the futures of disadvantaged children, and is part of the University of Maryland College of Journalism.

Center for Human Resources (1983)

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A leading research, training, and policy development organization with activities in three areas related to youth development: workforce preparation, education reform, and community development. Its mission is to improve the quality of education and workforce preparation systems by connecting the knowledge gained from scholarly research and practical experience in a way that will help policy leaders and practitioners successfully address issues of long-term self-sufficiency and quality of life for youth—particularly economically disadvantaged youth and their families.

CHR's work is carried out in four major areas: 1) professional development seminars on an array of subjects, including school-to-work transition, youth motivation, community development, and case management; 2) human services management and systems building that has included establishing a research base and network of laboratories demonstrating effective strategies for building comprehensive, community-wide systems and linking work and learning; 3) program evaluation and research synthesis, including a three-year evaluation of school-based community service programs; and 4) policy development and dissemination, which has made the Center an active participant in policy discussions and debates on the quality of youth programs nationally.

Center for Intergenerational Learning (1980)

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Was created to foster cooperation and exchange among persons of different generations and to find creative intergenerational solutions to community problems. Serves as a national resource center and clearinghouse for information concerning existing intergenerational programs, develops and evaluates a variety of demonstration projects, collects and designs written and audiovisual resource materials, and provides technical assistance and training to organizations interested in developing intergenerational programs.

Programs include: *Across Ages*, a drug-prevention program for middle-school youth that involves older adults as mentors to students; engages students in community service activities and provides life-skills training; *ECHO* (Elders and children Helping Each Other) that provides training in child development to adults age 55 and over to prepare them for employment in the child care field; *Experience Corps* that involves older adults as volunteers in elementary schools; *Family Friends* that involves older adults in providing in-home support to families of children with disabilities and chronic illnesses; *Full Circle Theater*, an intergenerational ensemble of teens and elders that addresses social issues through improvisational theater; *Grandma's Kids* that provides a range of supportive services to grandparents or other alternative caregivers; *HealthLINK* that provides training in health care to prepare older adults for employment as health care aids; *Home Friends* through which families of children with special needs receive in-home support from older volunteers and participate in support group meetings; *Learning Retreats*, an annual 5-day residential experience that brings together 75 persons ranging in age from 14 to 100 to foster communication across the ages; *Sisters in Science* that teams older women with science backgrounds and undergraduate teachers-in-training to increase the interest of 4th-grade minority girls in science, through environmental community service projects; and others through which college and university students provide serves to older adults.

Center for Youth Development and Policy Research (1990)

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The Center is dedicated to contributing to a better future for disadvantaged children and youth in the United States, and has set as a goal the transformation of the concern about youth *problems* into public and private commitment to youth *development*. Services include conducting youth research and policy analysis; disseminating information about exemplary youth programs and policies; initiating dialogue and coalition-building among researchers, practitioners, and policymakers committed to the well-being of young people; implementing program evaluations, community assessments, and demonstration projects—especially those that show how public and private efforts can be better coordinated to further the development of youth; and providing technical assistance to national organizations, state and local governments, and public and private institutions interested in improving their youth development efforts.

Major Center projects include Mobilization for Youth Development, Stronger Staff-Stronger Youth, Approaches to Enhancing Youth Development, and Youth Development Cities Consortium. Write or call for additional information.

The Center for Youth Studies (1985)

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CYS authors the innovative software package, The *Youthworker's Encyclopedia*. This software focuses on the rapidly changing youth culture. Relevant and practical data about young people—such as trends, attitudes, hopes, fears, sociocultural distinctives—are collected and presented in this software for the busy youth worker. Users can easily search through some 300 entries for topical discussions, book and article reviews, research reviews, resource lists, discussion methods, program models, and intervention strategies. A *Windows 95* edition of the *Youthworker's Encyclopedia* is available through CYS. Call, write or email for more information on ordering and/or contributing materials for future editions.

The Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago (1985)

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An independent, nonprofit center dedicated to research and development concerning the policies, programs, and practices that affect children. Chapin Hall's work analyzes both the needs of children and the societal response to those needs, and develops and tests alternative ways to support children's development.

Research at Chapin Hall centers on four main areas: children's services, primary supports for child and youth development, community building, and schools' connections with the communities they serve. Chapin Hall's work in the area of children's services examines the functioning of the systems of services that support families and children, taking into consideration both individual- and system-level operations and outcomes. Work on primary supports is based on the view that primary services (such as organized sports, religious youth groups, parks, libraries and community centers) should join with specialized services (such as child welfare and juvenile justice as a single, citizen-planned infrastructure of services that promote the development of all children. Research on community building explores the theoretical and operational aspects of efforts that employ comprehensive strategies to address a neighborhood's physical, social and infrastructure needs. Schools research explores the connections and alliances formed among schools, social service providers, primary support organizations, commercial firms, and other entities to support education and address other child, family, and community needs.

The Center publishes Report, Working Paper, and Discussion Paper series, and sponsors an International Fellows program to bring qualified individuals from various countries, including the United States, to Chapin Hall. A publications catalog and a brochure describing Chapin Hall's history and mission are available.

Child Welfare League of America (1920)

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URL: *www.cwla.org*

The nation's oldest and largest organization devoted to improving life for abused, neglected, and at-risk children, youth, and their families. Today CWLA has more than 850 members—public and voluntary agencies that provide assistance to more than two million children and families. Member agencies offer a wide range of services, including kinship and family foster care, adoption, residential group care, child day care, family preservation, and programs for pregnant and parenting teens.

Staff members provide expert leadership and guidance in 11 program areas; run the nation's largest child welfare consulting operation; provide training and conduct conferences and workshops covering a wide range of policy, program, and practice issues; provide comprehensive support services for executives, senior staffs, and boards of voluntary agencies; conduct research and disseminate information through a library service; and work to pass national legislation to improve the quality of life for at-risk children and their families.

CWLA is the world's largest publisher of child welfare materials and is widely known for its standards of excellence for agencies in the following areas: residential group care, child day care, family foster care, independent living, services for abused and neglected children and their families, in-home aide services, health care services for children in out-of-home care, adoption, services for pregnant adolescents and young parents, and organization and administration for all child welfare services. A catalog is available.

Children's Defense Fund (1973)

25 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Marian Wright Edelman, President
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FAX: 202/662-3510
Email: *cdfinfo@childrensdefense.org*
URL: *www.childrensdefense.org*

Provides effective, long-range advocacy for American children and youth. Carries out research, public education, and community organizing; monitors federal agencies and legislation; drafts legislation and testifies on behalf of children and youth; directs a public policy network. Publishes *The State of America's Children* (annually), newsletters, statistical and research reports, handbooks, and posters on issues affecting children and youth. A catalog is available.

The **Black Community Crusade for Children** is coordinated nationally by the CDF in partnership with well-established, regional child-serving organizations. Seeks to ensure that every child has a healthy, safe start in life with the support of caring parents and nurturing communities. Publishes *Necessary*, a quarterly newsletter. CDF also coordinates the annual **National Observance of Children's Sabbaths** in October to affirm the commitment of religious communities to children. Many congregations across the nation hold worship services and education programs to demonstrate how people of faith can respond to children's needs. Most Children's Sabbaths are held in individual congregations, but in some areas they join as community-wide interfaith efforts.

Christian Camping International/USA (1963)
P.O. Box 62189
Colorado Springs, CO 80962-2189
John Ashmen, Director, Member Services
719/260-9400
FAX: 719/260-6398
Email: *cciusa@cciusa.org*
URL: *www.cciusa.org*

A nonprofit membership association that provides ongoing encouragement, professional training, and timely resources for the leaders of Christian camps, conference centers, retreat centers, and other entities that operate progressive outdoor ministries and/or provide Christian hospitality within an organized framework. Each year, more than five million people participate in the programs of member camps and centers, and more than 107,000 U.S. churches are served by CCI/USA member organizations. Many members provide services for children and adults with disabilities. CCI/USA provides educational materials, holds an annual convention, and publishes the *Christian Camp and Conference Journal* and the annual *Guide to Christian Camps and Conferences*.

Community Intervention, Inc.
529 S. 7th Street, Suite 570
Minneapolis, MN 55415
800/328-0417
612/332-6537
FAX: 612/342-2388

Produces and distributes information, educational materials, and training services to people who work with children in grades K–12. Some materials, curricula, and videos will be of interest to all youth development professionals promoting the emotional well-being of children, while others will be of special interest to counselors and adults who work with support group programs. Catalog available.

Community Partnerships with Youth (1990)
2000 N. Wells Street
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
Anne B. Hoover, Director/CEO
219/422-6493
FAX: 219/424-7533
Email: *cpyinc@aol.com*

Seeks to empower youth ages 12 and up in areas of trusteeship and governance, and to train adults who work with young people through organizations, churches, or schools. *Youth as Trustees* curriculum helps youth understand the action and commitment needed to serve as trustees of an organization or community. *Youth In Governance* curriculum focuses on the administrative functions and day-to-day workings of a board of directors. The program encourages young people to participate on boards and/or committees and provides the knowledge needed to be effective members.

Other training available through CPY Inc. includes youth and adult partnerships, conflict resolution, starting a youth program, and developing youth/adult advisory councils. Curricula in trusteeship and governance for youth ages 6–11, and additional trusteeship materials focusing on addressing community needs will be available late in 1998.

Delta Education, Inc.
Box 915
Hudson, NH 03051
603/889-8899
FAX: 603/880-6520
URL: *www.delta-ed.com*

A distributor for numerous educational publications, including the *Delta Mathematics* and *Hands-On Science* catalogs and the *OBIS* (Outdoor Biology Instructional Strategies) series of science educational materials developed for youth organizations. Catalogs are available—specify area of interest.

Department of Adolescent Health (1986)

American Medical Association
515 N. State Street
Chicago, IL 60610
Arthur Astor, M.D., Director
312/464-5570
FAX: 312/464-5842
URL: *www.ama-assn.org*

The Department was founded in response to the health problems of adolescents and is dedicated to improving their health and psycho-social well-being through education, networking, coalition-building, and research. Focuses on prevention and intervention; sponsors the National Adolescent Health Coalition of more than 30 national health and service organizations to review issues affecting youth. Promotes implementation of the AMA Guidelines for Adolescent Preventive Services (GAPS) through materials and training. A publication list is available.

Development Publications (1994)

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Tucson, AZ 85740
William A. Lofquist, Publisher
520/575-7047
FAX: 520/575-8586
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The mission of Development Publications is to create, prepare, and distribute resources that focus on positive and constructive approaches to community and personal change. Building on extensive experience in community and personal development, it addresses the major issues facing institutions, communities, organizations, and individuals in today's world. Encourages the belief that people of all ages are valuable resources who have significant contributions to make to their communities, and emphasizes the importance of diversity and its potential to contribute to the processes of building and healing. Believes in experiential approaches to lifelong learning, to building learning communities, and to creating resources that foster learning.

Father Flanagan's Boys' Home ("Boys Town") (1917)

Boys Town, NE 68010
Father Val J. Peter, Executive Director of Boys Town
402/498-3200
FAX: 402/498-1010
Boys Town National Hotline
(800/448-3000)
URL: *www.helpkids@boystown.org*

Publishes free and inexpensive materials relating to youth problems and issues, including parenting videotapes. Topics include adolescent abuse, divorce, family life, eating disorders, school problems, peer pressure, self-esteem, and learning disabilities. A catalog is available. The Boys Town National Hotline is a 24-hour crisis line for girls, boys, and parents.

FUNDKIT$ (1994)

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Tucson, AZ 85751-0160
David Lynn, President
520/690-1105
FAX: 520/690-1230

FUNDKIT$ has created FundRaising Specialty Kits® as a tool to assist youth groups in raising money. Each kit contains a resource development strategy that directly connects fundraising and other resource-raising activities with a youth group's mission. The kits enable a youth group to bypass traditional approaches to fundraising (car washes, raffles, candy sales) to obtain the resources it needs—nearly 100 percent of dollars raised go directly to the youth group.

The Giraffe Project (1982)
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Langley, WA 98260
Ann Medlock, President
Education Office:
360/221-0757
FAX: 360/221-7817
Email: *office@giraffe.org*
URL: *www.giraffe.org/giraffe/*

The Giraffe Project honors people who "stick their necks out" for the common good. Invites nominations of courageous individuals for recognition, offers lectures and training in community action, and publishes *Giraffe News*. The Project publishes a K-12 character education/service learning curriculum and offers a new business partnership program.

The Giraffe program curriculum uses stories of Giraffes to inspire young people to develop service projects of their own. Students in grades K-12 develop confidence in their own abilities to take caring, courageous action for the betterment of the world around them—and to see service and good citizenship as integral parts of meaningful adult lives.

Giraffe Partnerships are formed by businesses sponsoring a class or group to do *The Giraffe Program*. The business funds the materials and provides adult volunteers to help facilitate this program.

Group Publishing, Inc.
Box 481
Loveland, CO 80539
970/669-3836
FAX: 970/669-3269
URL: *www.grouppublishing.com*

A leader in Christian education publishing, Group's mission is to encourage Christian growth in children, youth, and adults. Sponsors international and domestic Group Workcamps™, Group's International Kidstitute™, Children's Ministry Workshops™, and Youth Ministry Workshops™. Publishes and distributes more than 350 resources, including *Hands-on Bible Curriculum*™ for toddlers through sixth-graders; *Real Life Bible Curriculum*™ for junior and senior high school age youth; *Apply-It-to-Life*™ *Adult Bible Curriculum;* videotapes on subjects of interest to youth and children's workers, parents, and teenagers; and magazines including *GROUP* (for junior-high youth workers), *JR. HIGH MINISTRY*, and *CHILDREN'S MINISTRY*. A catalog is available.

Health Information Network (1987)
1201 16th Street NW, Suite 521
Washington, DC 20036
Jerald Newberry, Executive Director
202/822-7570
FAX: 202/822-7775
Email: *NEAHIN1@aol.com*
URL: *www.nea.org/hin/*

The Health Information Network was formed as a partnership of the National Education Association (NEA), the National Association of School Nurses and the American Academy of Pediatrics. The NEA HIN links public school employees, local, state, and national organizations, and government agencies to foster healthy students, healthy education employees, and healthy learning environments. It provides information related to important health issues through newsletters, planning manuals and guidance documents, training workshops, curricula, and audiovisual aids. It also contributes regular articles to publications such as *NEA Today* and *NEA Now*. Some issues currently receiving special emphasis are HIV/AIDS prevention, early detection of breast and cervical cancer, indoor air and water quality in schools, and underage tobacco use.

Visit the Network's Web site to find out more about materials, programs, and services. NEA HIN maintains a toll-free line (800/718-8387) for ordering publications (some of which are free).

The High/Scope Institute for IDEAS, Adolescent Division

High/Scope Educational Research Foundation (1963)
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Ypsilanti, MI 48198
David P. Weikart, Ph.D., President
John Kenneth Weiss, Director, Adolescent Division
313/485-2000
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URL: *www.highscope.org*

A one-month residential educational enrichment program for youth ages 14–17 that provides the opportunity for teens from the United States and abroad to learn together in a supportive environment. Through experiences that promote individual growth, cooperative learning, and problem solving in the sciences and arts, the Institute increases the cognitive capacities of adolescents, raises their level of expectation for personal achievement, and builds a sense of community.

The adolescent division offers training and staff-development opportunities through two-day awareness workshops and one- to three-week intensive Youth Development Professional Trainings in service-learning, leadership development, and active and cooperative learning. Also offers materials and publications that document High/Scope's research-validated residential program for adolescents and provides specific strategies for incorporating active and cooperative learning into camps, after-school or summer programs, and secondary-school classrooms.

INDEPENDENT SECTOR (1980)

1828 L Street NW
Washington, DC 20036
John H. Thomas, Vice President, Communications
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FAX: 202/416-0580

A national coalition of nonprofit organizations, foundations, and corporations with giving programs. It works through legislation, research, education, management training, and public information to preserve and enhance the nation's nonprofit sector. Publishes *Volunteering and Giving Among American Teenagers 12 to 17 Years of Age*, the results of a survey conducted for IS by the Gallup Organization, and *YOUTH SERVICE: A Guidebook for Developing and Operating Effective Programs*. Also publishes and distributes books and other materials on giving and volunteering. Catalogs are available.

Indiana Youth Institute (1988)

3901 N. Meridian Street, Suite 200
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4046
800/343-7060
317/924-3657
FAX: 317/924-1314
Email: *iya@iyi.org*
URL: *www.iyi.org/iyi*

An independent, nonprofit center dedicated to the healthy development of Indiana's young people, through advocacy, research, and training and development. Its unique mission is to make Indiana a state that truly cares about its youth by serving the adults who have an impact and influence on their lives.

IYI advocates and facilitates working relationships with and among diverse organizations to shape policy and create a caring, supportive environment for youth. Provides current research and information that promotes understanding of the healthy development of youth. Offers training that develops the capacity of organizations and communities that, in turn, leads to innovation in the thinking and practice of adults who work with or on behalf of youth. Publishes *The Blueprint* (quarterly newsletter), *Indiana Youth Poll* reports, issue-oriented reports and pamphlets, and resource guides. A publication list is available.

International Youth Foundation (1990)

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Baltimore, MD 21202
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FAX: 410/347-1188
Email: *IYFadmin@IYF.INCYF.ORG*
URL: *www.iyfnet.org*

An independent, international, nongovernmental organization dedicated to improving the conditions and prospects of children and youth. IYF is working to build a global network of independent, indigenous foundations committed to the positive development of youth ages 5-20; to create a global vehicle for the development and exchange of information on effective programs (YouthNet International); to strengthen, expand, and replicate proven programs; and increase international philanthropy in support of such efforts. A number of the programs included in YouthNet International make provisions for and promote increased respect for people with disabilities.

The programs IYF seeks to promote address urgent global problems (drug and alcohol use, violence, teen pregnancy, school dropouts, low motivation) through providing services in such areas as vocational training, health education, recreation, and cultural respect and through the development of leadership, conflict resolution, and decision-making skills. Funds raised by IYF are used on a matching basis to create incentive for donors to support the activities of its partner foundations. IYF is currently working in partnership with national foundations in Australia, Ecuador, Germany, Ireland, the Philippines, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Thailand, and the state of Oaxaca, Mexico.

In 1995, IYF's board made a commitment to explore strategies for network and partnership development in the United States. While IYF will not fund local programs directly, it will strengthen the youth development field as a whole by bringing international lessons home and contributing to increased networking of information and resources.

James F. Ackerman Center for Democratic Citizenship

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West Lafayette, IN 47907-1442
Lynn R. Nelson, Ph.D., Director
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FAX: 765/496-2210
Email: *LRNelson@omni.cc.purdue.edu*
URL: *www.soe.purdue.edu/ackerman*

Seeks to take a national leadership role in preparing new generations of American citizens. The focus is to provide programs, institutes, activities, and resources for educators to implement powerful citizenship programs and opportunities that result in active student involvement in schools and in communities.

KIDS COUNT (1989)

Annie E. Casey Foundation
701 St. Paul Street
Baltimore, MD 21202
William O'Hare, Director
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URL: *www.aecf.org*

Fosters greater national commitment to improving outcomes for vulnerable children and their families by disseminating the best available data to measure the health, economic, educational, and social well-being of children in the United States. Since 1990, the annual *KIDS COUNT Data Book* has used a wide range of statistical indicators to document, on the national and state level, trends in the lives of the nation's children. State projects typically publish an annual KIDS COUNT report to document the well-being of children in each county.

The Links Foundation, Incorporated (1946)

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Washington, DC 20005-4501
Patricia Russell-McCloud, J.D., National President
Gladys Gary Vaughn, Director, Services to Youth
202/842-0123
FAX: 202/289-1880

A membership group of more than 10,000 women in 250 chapters across the nation. Links, Inc. addresses community concerns in the areas of educational, cultural, and civic commitment. Members seek opportunities for involvement and service that will have an impact in economic, political, and social arenas that affect the quality of life in their communities. They also seek to heighten community awareness of the problems faced by minorities and the underprivileged.

Services to Youth is one of four major program areas. Since 1987, the organization has developed, field-tested, and widely implemented Project LEAD: High Expectations! (Links Erase Alcohol and Drug Abuse). This program is a community-based educational outreach focused on preventing alcohol and other drug abuse, as well as premature sexual activity, pregnancy, and sexually transmitted diseases among high-risk African-American youth. Local Links chapters collaborate with other community-based organizations to strengthen and support the efforts of Project LEAD. A cadre of trained volunteers implements the program.

Melpomene Institute for Women's Health Research (1981)

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St. Paul, MN 55104
Judy Mahle Lutter, President
612/642-1951
FAX: 612/642-1871
Email: *melpomen@skypoint.com*
URL: *www.melpomene.org*

A center for research and public education on health concerns and the impact of exercise on girls and women at all stages of life. Since 1990, Melpomene has focused its research efforts on adolescent girls, self-esteem, and sports and has produced a video, curriculum, and other materials on this topic. Also provides information on encouraging youth to be physically active.

Melpomene Institute is a nonprofit, member-supported organization. It maintains a Resource Center with more than 3,000 books, articles, and journals (use is free to members, and available at a small fee to nonmembers). Publishes *Melpomene Journal* three times a year, educational brochures, information packets, and videos. Provides a Speaker's Bureau, research participation, brown-bag seminars, and special events.

National Association of Elementary School Principals (1921)

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Alexandria, VA 22314-3483
Dr. Samuel G. Sava, Executive Director
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FAX: 703/549-5568
Email: *naesp@naesp.org*
URL: *www.naesp.org*

A professional membership organization committed to providing children with the best possible elementary and middle school education by helping school principals perform to the best of their abilities. It offers a host of periodicals, professional development programs, and meetings; and holds a convention to strengthen the principalship and the image of the principal, and to promote effective educational leadership. Serves as an advocate for elementary and middle school education with the U.S. Congress, as well as state and federal government agencies and the news media. Maintains grassroots affiliations with principals in every state, Canada, and overseas. Offers a range of student services, including the American Student Council Association (see page 63). A catalog is available.

National Association of Secondary School Principals (1916)
Department of Student Activities
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
Rocco Marano, Director
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
Email: *nassp@nassp.org*
URL: *www.nassp.org*

Promotes responsible student involvement in education and in the community, and serves as a student advocate by providing responsible guidance. Operates as a resource center on student activities and school issues of interest to students. Offers leadership training programs, a resource information center, and consultation for member schools. Also publishes *Leadership for Student Activities*, monographs and audiovisual materials, and the *Advisory List of National Contests and Activities*. A catalog is available.

National Association of Service and Conservation Corps (1985)
666 11th Street NW, Suite 1000
Washington, DC 20001
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202/737-6272
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Email: *nascc@nascc.org*
URL: *www.nascc.org*

A nonprofit membership association made up of conservation and service corps programs. Serves as an advocate, central reference point, and source of assistance for state and local youth corps around the country. Promotes quality practices in existing programs and assists in planning and development of new ones. Sponsors an annual conference and regional seminars and workshops for youth corps practitioners and related youth service programs. Publications include: *Crew Supervisor Training Manual, Expanding the Definition of Diversity, Making JTPA Work for the Corps, Youth Corps Profiles*, and *NASCC News* (quarterly newsletter). A publications list is available.

National Association of Student Activity Advisers (1974)
1904 Association Drive
Reston, VA 20191
703/860-0200
FAX: 703/476-5432
URL: *www.nassp.org*

An organization for advisers and other school personnel with responsibilities for student activities in middle, junior, and senior high schools. Provides workshops on legal aspects of advising, middle-level advising, recognition/staff appreciation, National Honor Society (see page 16), motivation, leadership skills, self-esteem, service projects, fundraisers, and more.

National Black Child Development Institute (1970)
1023 15th Street NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
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URL: *www.nbcdi.org*

A national, nonprofit, charitable, and educational organization established to improve the quality of life of African-American children and youth. Seeks to educate communities about national, state, and local issues. Focuses on four areas: education, child care/early childhood education, child welfare, and health. Monitors public policy issues and serves as a catalyst for change on national and local levels. It has trained thousands of people to work more effectively with African-American children. Distributes legislative and policy updates, and publishes *Black Child Advocate* and *Health Talk* (quarterly), plus other materials.

National Center for Learning Disabilities (1977)
381 Park Avenue S., #1401
New York, NY 10016
Bonnie Kessler, Executive Director
Information and Referral: 888/575-7373
212/545-7510
FAX: 212/545-9665
URL: *www.ncld.org*

A national, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of the millions of Americans affected by learning disabilities (LD). Services include national information and referral, educational programs, public outreach and communications, and legislative advocacy and public policy. Its mission is to promote public awareness and understanding of learning disabilities, and to provide national leadership on behalf of children and adults with LD so they may achieve their potential and enjoy full participation in society.

The National Center for Youth with Disabilities (1986)
University of Minnesota, Box 721
420 Delaware Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
Marty Smith, Executive Director
612/626-3014
FAX: 612/626-2134
Email: *ncyd@gold.tc.umn.edu*
URL: *www.peds.umn.edu/Centers/ihd*

NCYD is located in the Institute for Health & Disability in the Division of Pediatrics and Adolescent Health at the University of Minnesota. It is an information, resource, and policy center focusing on adolescents with chronic illnesses and disabilities and the issues surrounding their transition to adult life. Fosters awareness of their needs and seeks to enhance collaboration among agencies, professionals, parents, and youth in planning and providing services to address those needs. Expands knowledge and involvement of those who provide services to youth and promotes programs and strategies that enhance the ability of adolescents and young adults to grow, develop, work and participate in community life to their fullest capacity.

NCYD maintains the National Resource Library, a database of comprehensive sources of information related to adolescents, chronic illness, disabilities, and transition. The database is accessible through the Electronic Clearinghouse for the Children, Youth and Family Consortium at the University of Minnesota (*www.cyfo.umn.edu*).

Publications include *Health Issues*, a free newsletter published twice per year; *FYI Bulletin*, a series of fact sheets presenting statistical and demographic data; *CYD-LINE Reviews*, a series of annotated bibliographies; and selected policy monographs. A publication list is available. Many of these publications can be found on the NCYD Web site (address above).

National Collaboration for Youth (1973)
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Washington, DC 20004
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The National Assembly
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URL: *www.nassembly.org*

An association of 17 of the largest national youth-serving organizations in the United States working together on behalf of today's youth. Members seek to provide a united voice for all youth, advocating for improved conditions and positive development opportunities. NCY is an affiliate of the National Assembly, an umbrella group of national health and human services organizations.

National Council of La Raza (1968)
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Washington, DC 20036
Raul Yzaguirre, President
202/785-1670
FAX: 202/776-1792
URL: *www.nclr.org*

NCLR is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization established to reduce poverty and discrimination and to improve life opportunities for Hispanic Americans. NCLR has adopted two primary approaches: capacity-building assistance to support and strengthen Hispanic community-based organizations and appolied research, policy analysis and advocacy. NCLR strengthens these efforts with public information and media activities and special and international projects.

NCLR holds an annual conference in July and publishes handbooks and manuals, special reports, statistical analyses, and several area-specific newsletters including the *Entre Nosotros* education quarterly and the *Hispanic Leadership Bulletin*. An extensive series of policy reports and training modules are described in a publications guide.

National Crime Prevention Council (1982)
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Washington, DC 20006
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URL: *www.ncpc.org*

A private, nonprofit organization dedicated to forging a nationwide commitment by people acting individually and together to prevent crime and build safer and more caring communities. A primary goal is to engage the nation's youth as a major resource in the prevention of crime and drug abuse.

NCPC reaches out to youth by providing training, information, materials, and other services, including demonstration programs that engage young people in crime prevention and community building. Such programs include Youth as Resources (see page 192), a youth-led community service initiative and *Teens, Crime and the Community*, a curriculum that couples classroom lessons with action projects designed to address specific crime problems. Both have been implemented in a variety of settings—from rural areas to inner-city public housing developments, to correctional facilities. Training and technical assistance on these and other youth-related programs and issues are available. Materials include information packets, hands-on program guides, videos, posters, and more. A catalog is available.

National Helpers Network, Inc. (1982)
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New York, NY 10016-8728
Alice L. Halsted, Director
212/679-2482
FAX: 212/679-7461
Email: *helpnet@igc.apc.org*

Serves as a resource for educators, youth workers, and policymakers seeking to meet the developmental needs of adolescents. The Network offers training and technical assistance, and a variety of publications and materials, including program guides (a publications list is available). The Helper Program is a service-learning model that serves as a testing ground for innovative programming. Youth involved in the program help in a variety of settings, ranging from working with preschool and elementary age children, to working with the elderly and performing projects that create social change in Community Problem Solvers.

Through its central staff and a network of Field Associates, the National Helpers Network assists in program planning, curriculum development, training, and evaluation around the country. The Network's Clearinghouse collects and disseminates information on effective service-learning models, and welcomes suggestions about program models for its Field Associates to explore. The Network has developed an innovative process called Student Evaluators through which young people can evaluate their own programs. The Clearinghouse may be contacted at 212/679-2482, or from outside New York City at 800/646-4623.

The National Institute on Out-of-School Time (1979)

Center for Research on Women
Wellesley College
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Wellesley, MA 02181
Michelle Seligson, Executive Director
781/283-2547
FAX: 781/283-3657
URL: *www.wellesley.edu/WCW/CRW/SAC*

The Institute's mission is to improve the quantity and quality of school-age child care programs nationally through collaborative work with communities, individuals, and organizations, and to raise the level of public awareness about the importance of children's out-of-school time. Concentrates its efforts in four primary areas: research, education and training, consultation, and program development. The SACC Project staff has served children, parents, child care program staff, school principals and supervisors, community leaders, and government officials.

Current projects and programs include: Making the Most of Out-of-School Time, a major initiative to improve the quality and availability of school-age child care, especially for low-income families, in selected communities throughout the nation; Assessing School-Age Child Care Quality, a self-study process that focuses on a team approach to incremental, ongoing change; National Improvement and Accreditation System for school-age child care programs, developed in partnership with the National School-Age Care Alliance; Save the Children, an initiative to test ways to maximize the quantity and quality of out-of-school experiences for sponsored and other disadvantaged children and youth in Appalachia; and Massachusetts School-Age Coalition, a new organization for school-age care providers and allied professionals.

The SACC Project offers training workshops and institutes for individuals and groups, including training local consultants to offer ongoing technical assistance to their communities. Also develops technical assistance papers, easily accessible guides on program start-up and operation for states and national organizations, and staff training and public awareness videos for client states.

National Peer Helpers Association (1986)

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Greenville, NC 27836
Patrick Mitchell, President
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FAX: 919/522-3959

A professional organization dedicated to encouraging, promoting, and improving peer-helping programs as a way of improving individuals' abilities to solve problems, make decisions, and enrich their lives. NPHA is expanding a national network of leaders, educators, coordinators, and trainers, and promoting public awareness of peer helping as a powerful human service alternative. Serves as a clearinghouse for resources, training, research, and consultation. A publications list is available.

The National PTA (1897)
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Chicago, IL 60611-3690
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312/670-6782
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Email: *info@pta.org*

An organization of 27,000 local groups of parents, teachers, students, and others concerned about children and youth. Areas of interest include public education, child/teen health and safety, and parent education. Maintains an office of governmental relations in Washington, DC. Publishes *Our Children* magazine for parents and educators, as well as many brochures on youth-related topics, some in Spanish. A publications list is available.

National Resource Center for Youth Services (1985)
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Continuing Education
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URL: *www.nrcys.ou.edu*

Seeks to enhance the quality of life of the nation's at-risk youth and their families by improving the effectiveness of human services. Acts as a national clearinghouse for information concerning child welfare and youth services; and provides program models, curriculum materials, and training for child welfare and youth service professionals. Coordinates curriculum development with universities, agencies, and individual authors. Provides on-site training and consultation. Annually sponsors Working with America's Youth, a national training conference, and coordinates state independent living teen conferences and provides complete conference planning services. Publishes and markets materials and videotapes related to at-risk youth and their care. A free catalog of materials and training courses is available.

In 1995, the NRCYS was selected by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services/Administration for Children and Families to serve as the National Resource Center for Youth Development. The NRCYD provides on-site training and technical assistance, resources, and conferences focusing on working with children and youth in the public child welfare system. Publishes the newsletter *Reflections on Youth.*

National Service Secretariat, Inc. (1966)
2601 Sunset Boulevard, #1A
Minneapolis, MN 55416
Earl W. Eames Jr., Director
612/925-9450
FAX: 612/925-2376

A clearinghouse of information about national youth service programs in the United States and overseas. Publishes a semi-annual newsletter with particular reference to international youth service programs and conferences. The Coalition for National Service, a project of the Secretariat, encourages the development of youth service programs and fosters the discussion of national service. The Secretariat provides speakers and technical assistance on national service. Write for more information about services and publications.

National Society for Experiential Education (1971)
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Raleigh, NC 27609-7229
Sally Migliore, Executive Director
919/787-3263
FAX: 919/787-3381
Email: *nsee@netstart.net*

A nonprofit membership association that brings together the many types of people involved in providing diverse experiential learning opportunities—internships, field experiences, service-learning, cooperative education, intercultural experiences, and others—for the exchange of ideas, professional support, training, research, discussion, and help for institutions and programs.

NSEE members are concerned about students' intellectual and ethical development, their understanding of community responsibility, their career development, their cross-cultural awareness, and their personal growth. NSEE offers *NSEE Quarterly*, national and regional conferences, publications, information and consulting services, several interest groups, and a special set of services for employers and field sponsors.

National Urban League (1910)

Education and Youth Development
Policy, Research and Advocacy
Department
120 Wall Street
New York, NY 10005
Dr. Velma L. Cobb, Director
212/588-5357
FAX: 212/344-5332
URL: *www.nul.org*

The National Urban League is a voluntary, nonpartisan community service agency that aims to eliminate racial segregation, institutional racism, and discrimination in the United States and to assist African-Americans in the achievement of social and economic equality. The Education and Youth Development Policy, Research and Advocacy Department (EYPRA), seeks to identify, support, and create opportunities for the academic and social development of youth. Program activities are focused on issues that youth themselves have identified, such as teenage pregnancy, violence, drugs and alcohol, self-esteem, community values, social responsibility, and the affirmation of the African-American cultural heritage.

The EYPRA conducts research and advocacy related to these concerns, as well as sponsors an annual youth conference that convenes youth representing the National Urban League's 115 affiliate cities.

In 1991, the NULITES (National Urban League Incentives to Excel and Succeed) organization was created—see pages 127–128).

National Youth Leadership Council (1983)

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URL: *www.nylc.org*

The National Youth Leadership Council (NYLC) is a Minnesota-based nonprofit organization and a national leader in the service-learning and youth leadership fields. NYLC's mission is to "engage young people in communities and schools through innovation in learning, service, leadership and public policy." NYLC's programs include: *National Youth Leadership Camp*—a unique youth leadership development program that motivates and trains participants for assuming leadership roles in their home communities and the *National Service-Learning Conference*—a major annual event bringing together the nation's leading service-learning advocates.

The NYLC offers youth and adult training, consultation, and materials. Publications include *Learning by Giving: K–12 Service-Learning Curriculum Guide*, *The Generator: National Journal of Service Leadership*, and *Growing Hope: A Sourcebook on Integrating Youth Service into the Curriculum*. A complete list of training opportunities and publications is available.

Outward Bound USA (1961)
National Headquarters
Route 9D, R2 Box 280
Garrison, NY 10524-9757
Allen Grossman, President and CEO
800/243-8520
914/424-4000
FAX: 914/424-4280
Email: *national@outwardbound.org*
URL: *www.outwardbound.org*

The largest and oldest nonprofit adventure-based education organization in the United States; the system consists of five independently controlled schools, two urban centers, and the national office. Its purpose is to develop and enhance in its participants self-confidence and self-esteem, leadership skills, teamwork, and a sense of service to the community and environment. Courses include core components of skill training, physical conditioning, extended expedition, solo experience, service project, and a personal challenge event. Outward Bound is committed to making its courses available to all and seeks to provide scholarship funds on an adequate level. All courses emphasize personal growth through the vehicle of wilderness activity. A catalog is available.

Points of Light Foundation (1990)
1737 H Street NW
Washington, DC 20006
Manager, Information Services
202/223-9186
FAX: 202/223-9256
Email: *VOLNET@aol.com*
URL: *www.pointsoflight.org*

The mission of the Points of Light Foundatino is to "engage more people more effectively in volunteer community service to help solve serious social problems." The Foundation seeks to make this mission a reality among young people and those who work for and with young people. The Foundation believes that service is a powerful tool for connecting young people to their communities, and that youth service is a win-win opportunity for young people, agencies, schools and communities.

The Foundation provides technical assistance, training, consulting, information sharing, research and advocacy on behalf of youth service, service-learning and youth leadership. It supports several programs that assist it in meeting its goals, including the Youth Engaged in Service Ambassador Program and the Communities as Places of Learning Initiative. In addition, a variety of publications and videos are available including: *Agencies + Schools = Service-Learning—A Training Toolbox*; *Practical Guide for Developing Agency/School Partnerships for Service-Learning*; *Everyone Wins When Youth Serve: Building Agency-School Partnerships for Service-Learning*; *Today's Heroes Resource Package*; *Youth Voice Tips Sheets*; and *They Changed America*. Catalog available.

Project Adventure, Inc. (1971)
P.O. Box 100
Hamilton, MA 01936
978/468-7981
FAX: 978/468-7605
Email: *rharding@pa.org*
URL: *www.pa.org/*

An approach to education, counseling, recreation, and life that is engaging, active, challenging, and places a high level of expectation within an atmosphere of support and caring. Helps others to use adventure education as a catalyst for personal growth and change; training courses motivate clients to develop creative new applications in their own environments.

Project Adventure designs and installs Challenge Courses, publishes books and manuals, and distributes supporting materials and products related to adventure and experience-based education. Publishes *ZIP LINES Magazine*, a new publication for the field of adventure education.

Project Service Leadership (1988)
12703 NW 20th Avenue
Vancouver, WA 98685
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FAX: 360/576-5068
Email: *McPhers@pacifier.com*

Assists schools and communities in implementing service learning in grades K–12. Conducts teacher institutes, outreach programs, and a yearly conference. Publications include *Enriching Learning Through Service, Parenting for Caring, Infusing Service into Schools*, and *Service Line*, a newsletter published three times per year. PSL has also produced a CD-ROM containing background information about service-learning in grades K–12.

Public/Private Ventures (1977)
One Commerce Square
2005 Market Street, Ninth Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Gary Walker, President
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FAX: 215/557-4469
Email: *ppv@epn.org*
URL: *www.epn.org/ppv*

A national, nonprofit corporation that seeks to improve social policies and programs in both the public and private sectors, especially as they relate to youth and young adults. P/PV designs, tests and evaluates initiatives that increase supports and opportunities for residents of low-income communities; and provides training and technical assistance to policymakers and practitioners.

Search Institute (1958)
Thresher Square West
700 S. Third Street, Suite 210
Minneapolis, MN 55415
Dr. Peter L. Benson, President
612/376-8955
FAX: 612/376-8956
URL: *www.search-institute.org*

A nonprofit research and resource organization dedicated to exploring and addressing the needs of youth and those who work with them. The organization uses a positive youth development framework to examine healthy lifestyles, healthy relationships, prosocial values, and effective institutions and communities. Study topics have included factors influencing the effectiveness of youth-serving organizations and agencies, as well as the beliefs, values, concerns, and attitudes of specific youth population samples.

A major emphasis involves creating healthy communities for youth, using a framework of "developmental assets." The Institute offers publications, training, technical assistance, and evaluation and survey services to support community-based efforts. Search Institute also develops research-based and applied print and video resources for youth-serving organizations. Publishes *Making the Case: Measuring the Impact of Youth Development Programs; Source* (twice a year); *Assets: The Magazine of Ideas for Healthy Communities and Healthy Youth* (quarterly); and books and other materials. A free catalog is available. In 1995, Search Institute acquired the resources and services of the former Center for Early Adolescence.

Social Welfare History Archives (1964)
University of Minnesota
101 Walter Library
Minneapolis, MN 55455
David Klaassen, Archivist
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FAX: 612/625-5525
Email: *d-klaa@tc.umn.edu*

Supports research in the history of social services and social reform by collecting the records of national, voluntary-sector welfare associations and selected local agencies, as well as the personal papers of individual leaders in late nineteenth and twentieth century America. Included are the records relating to settlement houses, child welfare and family service agencies, Big Brothers, the playground and recreation movement, and the YMCA and YWCA. Recent additions include the youth participation project records of the National Commission on Resources for Youth, and data from Project Girl and the National Youthworker Education Project. The collections must be used on the premises, but photocopying services are available and the staff will respond to telephone and correspondence inquiries. A published guide describing holdings is available.

Society for Research on Adolescence (1984)

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FAX: 773/508-8713
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URL: *www. sra-newsletter.ucsd.edu*

Seeks to promote quality research on adolescence and effective dissemination of information to all who are concerned about this age group. Membership includes more than 900 psychologists, sociologists, educators, and other social science and health professionals. Sponsors a three and one-half day spring meeting in even-numbered years, as well as a regular newsletter. The professional research journal under the sponsorship of the Society is the *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, published by Erlbaum.

United Way of America (1918)

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Alexandria, VA 22314-2045
Sherrie Deboe, Youth Coordinator
800/892-2757
703/836-7100
FAX: 703/549-9152
Email: *webmaster@unitedway.org*
URL: *www.unitedway.org*

UWA, the national training and service center for the United Way system, provides its 1,300 individual United Way members with a variety of support services including training, technical assistance, and consultation, and product development in the areas of advertising and public relations, research, resource development, public policy, labor relations, human resources, marketing, volunteer development, and community building initiatives, with a special focus on children and youth, families, and neighborhoods.

Who's Who Among American High School Students

Educational Communications, Inc.
721 N. McKinley Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045
Paul C. Krouse, Publisher
847/295-6650
FAX: 847/295-3972
URL: *www.eci-whoswho.com*

Honors outstanding students for their positive achievements in academics, athletics, and school and community service. Conducts an annual survey of high achievers, awards $200,000 in scholarships annually, and organizes a network of young people who are available to serve as spokespersons for youth viewpoints. Also provides small grants-in-aid to organizations that work with youth and conducts a reference and referral service for college-bound students listed in its publication. Publishes *Who's Who Among American High School Students* (annually), *College Bound Digest*, *The National Dean's List* (which honors 125,000 outstanding college students), and *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

World Future Society (1966)

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URL: *www.wfs.org/wfs*

A nonpartisan, nonprofit, scientific and educational organization devoted to promoting the study of the future, with membership drawn from the United States and 80 countries around the world. Strives to act as a neutral clearinghouse for information about the future. Hosts both large and medium-sized conferences that examine a wide range of future-oriented issues. Publishes *The Futurist*, a general interest magazine about future trends, innovations, and activities, that appears 10 times per year. The Society's book service sells books, videotapes, games, and other future-oriented products. A catalog is available.

Young Adult Library Services Association (1930)

American Library Association
50 E. Huron Street
Chicago, IL 60611
312/280-4390
FAX: 312/664-7459
Email: *yalsa@ala.org*
URL: *www.ala.org/yalsa*

YALSA's goal is to advocate, promote, and strengthen service to youth ages 12–18, as part of the continuum of total library services. Respects the unique informational, educational, and recreational needs of young adults, and seeks to provide quality library service to youth, in every library in the nation. Also seeks to involve young adults actively in the library decision-making process, and to collaborate and cooperate with other youth-serving agencies to provide a community-wide network of activities and services that support healthy youth development. Programs at individual libraries are adapted to local needs and resources. YALSA publishes the *Journal of Youth Services in Libraries* (quarterly).

Youth Policy Institute (1978)

1333 Green Court NW
Washington, DC 20005
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FAX: 202/638-2325
Email: *corpsnet@mnsinc.com*

A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization concerned with the future of America's youth, families, and communities. Monitors federal programs; tracks proposed legislation and congressional activity; follows the activities of nongovernmental organizations as they relate to youth, families, and communities; and attempts to provide a framework for a comprehensive understanding of children's, youth, and family issues leading to responsible policy. The YPI publishes *CORPS Network Report* monthly. Call or write for information about YPI's publications and database.

Youth Service America (1986)

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Email: *info@ysa.org*
URL: *www.servenet.org*

Promotes a unified, nonpartisan national service and volunteering movement and provides leadership development, technical assistance and training, and constituent programs for national and community service organizations. Also builds infrastructure, expands knowledge and know-how, and develops professional partnerships. YSA-sponsored programs include the National Service Affiliates Program, Fund for Social Entrepreneurs, National Youth Service Day, New Generation Training Program, and SuperConference Working Group. Publishes *National Service Briefing* (weekly), the news journal *Streams* (biennially), and other national and community service publications. Maintains SERVEnet, an online community devoted to the world of service and volunteering.

Youth Specialties, Inc. (1969)
1224 Greenfield Drive
El Cajon, CA 92021
619/440-2333 (general)
800/776-8008 (to order books)
800/769-7624 (to order periodicals)
FAX: 619/440-4939
Email: *ys@youthspecialties.com*
URL: *www.youthspecialties.com*

A nondenominational organization that supplies quality resource materials to youth workers in some 75,000 churches in the United States and abroad. Sponsors the annual National Youth Workers Convention (fall) and the one-day National Resource Seminars for Youth Workers (February through May). Publishes *Youthworker Journal* (quarterly), the newly-revised and reorganized *Idea Library*, books, and tapes of convention sessions. A catalog is available.

READINGS

As we move toward the end of the twentieth century, there is a growing realization that now more than ever, youth organizations must help prepare the nation's young people for a healthy, productive, and satisfying adulthood. The continued rise in drug and alcohol use, sexual activity, gang violence, and other risky behaviors among young people has led to a greater awareness of youth issues and an increase in programs designed to address them. But to truly meet the needs of youth, today and in the future, the programs must focus not on problem-solving but on positive youth development. Recognizing youth as a *resource*, engaging their talents and energies for the good of the community, is a major step that all of the nation's youth programs and institutions must take. Community-based organizations must play a key role in providing supportive, nurturing environments in which children, teens, and their families can develop to their full potential. In the long run, youth development and community development are one and the same.

The books and other publications listed here relate primarily to the shift in perspective that is currently reshaping discussions of youth development and community development. Addresses for several of the publishers may be found in the Resources for Administrators and Leaders section (see pages 160–184). In cases where materials may not be available through regular commercial outlets or libraries, addresses have been provided. This list is by no means complete. The selection is eclectic and reflects the personal choices of the author. Most of the works listed have been published since the last edition of this directory, although some remain "classics" and are repeated on this list.

Growing Up American

The following statistical reports continue to underscore the need for a renewed emphasis on positive youth development.

Child Trends
4301 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 100
Washington, DC 20008
202/362-5580

A Guide to State and Local-Level Indicators of Child Well-Being Available Through the Federal Statistical System by Brett V. Brown and Christopher Botsko (Washington, DC: Child Trends, 1996). Prepared for the Annie E. Casey Foundation for the KIDS COUNT initiative. The report includes a basic description of each data source, the states and localities covered, and significant limitations of the data. It also contains lists of major publications that report child well-being, descriptions of public data bases, lists of state statistics offices, and more.

Trends in the Well-Being of America's Children and Youth: 1996 by Child Trends (Washington, DC: Child Trends, 1997). Produced by Child Trends, Inc., for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, this report provides an overview of statistical trends in indicators of child well-being. The publication is available from the U.S. Government Printing Office. There's a summary available online *(www.childtrends.org).*

Children's Defense Fund

The State of America's Children Yearbook (Washington, DC: Children's Defense Fund, published annually). An analysis of the status of the nation's children, with fact sheets for each state and the District of Columbia. Includes information about systems and programs designed to serve children and families, federal and state-level developments and trends, funding streams, model programs, and more. The 1997 edition contains a special chapter about how the 1996 welfare law will affect children.

KIDS COUNT

KIDS COUNT Data Book (Baltimore, MD: Annie E. Casey Foundation, published annually). Features national statistics and state-by-state profiles using a common set of indicators of children's well-being. Ranks states on each of 10 individual indicators and on a composite of all 10. Contains addresses for KIDS COUNT projects in 49 states and the District of Columbia. The current data book and summaries of data books for prior years are also available online *(www.aecf.org).*

KIDS COUNT Data on Asian, Native American, and Hispanic Children: Findings from the 1990 Census (Baltimore, MD: Annie E. Casey Foundation, 1995). A national overview and state-by-state summary of statistical data.

National Urban League

The State of Black America (New York: National Urban League, published annually). Contains statistical information and articles by leading researchers, as well as a detailed chronology of the year's events.

Office of Educational Research and Improvement U.S. Department of Education

Youth Indicators (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, published biennially). Presents longitudinal statistical data (since the 1950s) from both government and private sources related to the welfare of youth ages 14–24. Also examines external factors that influence their lives. The latest edition provides data for 1996. This publication is also available online *(nces.ed.gov/pubs/yi/index.html).*

Public Agenda

6 E. 39th Street
New York, NY 10016
212/686-6610

Kids These Days: What Americans Really Think About the Next Generation by Steve Farkas and Jean Johnson (New York: Public Agenda, 1997). A thought-provoking summary of the attitudinal context in which young Americans are trying to find their way.

Related Readings

Beyond the Classroom: Why School Reform Has Failed and What Parents Need to Do by Laurence Steinberg (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996). Looks beyond the schools themselves and finds the sources of the current educational crisis in the disengagement of American students from the educational process. Their negative attitudes are fostered by parents who are "as disengaged from schooling as their children are," and sustained by an adolescent peer culture that "demeans academic success and scorns students who try to do well in school." He provides a brief discussion of the role of extracurricular activities. There are many implications in this research for youth development professionals working with organized peer groups.

Fatherless America: Confronting Our Most Urgent Social Problem by David Blankenborn (New York: Basic Books, 1995). Explores the diminishment of fatherhood in America and its impact on children, families, and society. Identifies the "cultural scripts" that define and undermine contemporary fatherhood and concludes with 12 proposals that would help the nation rediscover, value and sustain the idea of The Good Family Man—in which men prove their manhood by being good fathers.

It Takes a Village: And Other Lessons Children Teach Us by Hillary Rodham Clinton (New York: Simon & Schuster, 1996). A chronicle of the First Lady's long experience working with and on behalf of children, and her conviction that to grow into able, caring, and resilient adults, children must have the support of loving families and a wider "village" community that sustains them and helps meet their needs.

Kids as Customers: A Handbook of Marketing to Children by James U. McNeal (New York: Lexington Books, 1992) and *Marketing To and Through Kids* by Selina S. Guber and Jon Berry (New York: McGraw-Hill, Inc., 1993). These books examine demographic changes in American family life and the emergence of a youth culture that gives children unprecedented buying power—through their own spending, through their influence on family spending patterns, and as future consumers. Both of these books view children as a relatively untapped resource for marketers and provide insights about the needs, interests, wants, and fantasies that can be molded to influence their purchases.

The Romance of Risk: Why Teenagers Do the Things They Do by Lynn E. Ponton, M.D. (New York: Basic Books, 1997). Explores risk-taking by adolescents as a necessary and potentially positive approach to self-discovery. The challenge for parents—and by extension, youth development professionals—is to devise opportunities for healthy risk-taking that will make the all-too-available dangerous options less attractive.

Teenagers: An American History by Grace Palladino (New York: Basic Books, 1995). Surveys the emergence of "teenage" culture in the second half of the 20th century, to become a $200 billion consumer group with unprecedented power in the marketplace. She notes that "no matter how many programs the experts devise, or how many rules adults agree to enforce, it is still up to teenagers themselves to decide who they are, what they want to be, and whether they will cooperate with the adult world to get there." Adults can, however, "see to it that teenagers have good choices to make and real oppportunities to gain useful experience, a generational obligation that we have yet to take seriously as a nation."

The Vulnerable Child: What Really Hurts America's Children and What We Can Do About It by Richard Weissbourd (Reading, MA: Addison-Wesley, 1996). Moves beyond stereotypes and superficial categorizations to examine the true nature and complexities of childhood disadvantage. Concludes that *all* children need adults "who will actually listen to them and see them clearly and who understand how their lives are affected by their families, schools, and communities." To improve the prospects of children, there must be a broad spectrum of programs using many different strategies "to meet the needs of many different types of children at different stages of development."

Workforce 2020: Work and Workers in the 21st Century by Richard W. Judy and Carol D'Amico (Indianapolis, IN: Hudson Institute, 1997). A sequel to the 1987 publication, *Workforce 2000*, that described anticipated changes in the nation's workforce as the century ended, this report outlines "the general contours of the employment landscape" anticipated in the next two decades. It is another wake-up call for all who will have a role in preparing the workforce for the new millenium.

Building Communities

The publications in this section address the importance of neighborhoods and communities in promoting positive youth development.

American Youth Policy Forum
1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 719
Washington, DC 20036-5541
202/775-9731

Contract with America's Youth: Toward a National Youth Development Agenda (Washington, DC: American Youth Policy Forum, et al., 1995). A collection of essays by leading youth development thinkers that discusses youth policy on the themes of prevention, promotion, productivity, and preparation. As policymakers, researchers, program planners, and practitioners seek to reframe a national agenda, three additional themes emerge: the need to promote youth development; the need to build supportive communities, and the need to reform systems and linking services. (Co-published with the Center for Youth Development and the National Assembly.)

Carnegie Council on Adolescent Development
P.O. Box 753
Waldorf, MD 20604

The Council completed its work in 1995, following a decade of examining the lives of the nation's 19 million young adolescents, ages 10-14. Some reports and working papers, and summaries and abridged versions of some reports, are still available.

A Matter of Time: Risk and Opportunities in the Non-School Hours (New York: Carnegie Corporation of New York, 1992). This report by the Task Force on Youth Development and Community Programs brings together information about out-of-school, community-based programs for youth. Examines the roles of large national programs and local grassroots efforts. Includes recommendations and a call to action.

Great Transitions: Preparing Adolescents for a New Century (New York: Carnegie Corporation of New York, 1995). Final report of the Council summarizes the special risks, challenges, and needs of young adolescents. Core recommendations include re-engaging families, strengthening communities, creating developmentally appropriate schools and health-promotion strategies, and promoting the constructive potential of the media.

The Finance Project
1341 G Street NW
Washington, DC 20005
202/628-4200

Building Strong Communities: Crafting a Legislative Foundation by The Finance Project (Washington, DC: Finance Project, 1996). As the interest of legislators and policymakers has turned to creating comprehensive, community support systems for U.S. children and families, states are struggling with creating new legislative foundations for change. This report provides sample state legislation, a guide for tailoring it to the needs of a given state, a review and analysis comparing federal and state legislation, and a list of resources.

National Collaboration for Youth

The New Community Collaboration Manual (Revised and Updated Edition) (Washington, DC: National Assembly, 1995). An enhancement of the original manual published in 1991; contains step-by-step guidelines for the initial formation of a collaboration and how to maintain momentum, and involve youth, businesses, and the media. New sections include how to hold a town summit and work with new technologies.

Search Institute

Building Assets Together: 101 Group Activities for Helping Youth Succeed by Jolene L. Roehlkepartain (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1995). Provides group and individual activities that help young people understand their own assets and take responsibility for building them.

Healthy Communities, Healthy Youth: How Communities Contribute to Positive Youth Development by Dale A. Blyth with Eugene C. Roehlkepartain (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1993). Examines the influences of differing community characteristics on the development of young people. Highlights the impact of community health on vulnerable youth and proposes strategies for strengthening communities.

The Troubled Journey: A Portrait of 6th–12th Grade Youth by Peter L. Benson, Ph.D. (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1993). A study of nearly 47,000 young people in grades 6–12. Proposes a vision for positive youth development, defines developmental assets, and shows how the assets are necessary for healthy growth and a positive future.

Related Readings

All Kids Are Our Kids by Peter L. Benson (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 1997). Based on research from the renowned Search Institute, this groundbreaking critique introduces 40 developmental assets and demonstrates that building these assets is essential for all youth, regardless of background. When young people experience more of these assets, many forms of high-risk behavior sharply decline. And, just as significantly, increasing a young person's developmental assets enhances the competencies and skills necessary for healthy adulthood.

Urban Sanctuaries: Neighborhood Organizations in the Lives and Futures of Inner-City Youth by Milbrey W. McLaughlin, Merita A. Irby, and Juliet Langman (San Francisco, CA: Jossey-Bass, 1994). Tells the story of exemplary neighborhood-based organizations that have provided urban adolescents with support, guidance, safety, companionship, and opportunities to learn and grow and gain a new sense of the possible.

What Kids Need to Succeed: Proven, Practical Ways to Raise Good Kids (Revised, Expanded and Updated Edition) by Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., Judy Galbraith, M.A., and Pamela Espeland (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1998, 1995). Provides more than 500 ideas for building developmental assets at home, in the congregation, at school, and in the community. Written for teens, parents, educators, and youth workers.

What Teens Need to Succeed: Proven, Practical Ways to Shape Your Own Future by Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., Judy Galbraith, M.A., and Pamela Espeland (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1998). Inspires teens to work toward building their own assets; gives hundreds of examples that they can use in their congregation, with friends, and in youth organizations.

Building Relationships

People and organizations must work together to provide the support needed for healthy development of young people. The following publications offer information on forging effective partnerships.

American Association of Retired Persons

601 E Street NW
Washington, DC 20049

Intergenerational Projects: Idea Book (Washington, DC: AARP, 1993). Provides descriptions and contact information for more than 70 intergenerational programs. A resources section lists publications and organizations that promote intergenerational opportunities.

National Crime Prevention Council
NCPC Fulfillment Center
100 Church Street
P.O. Box 1
Amsterdam, NY 12010

Helping Kids Handle Conflict: A Guide for Those Teaching Children (Washington, DC: NCPC, 1995). Designed to help adults teach children in grades K–5 nonviolent ways to handle anger and disagreements. Suggests strategies for dealing with bullies, sexual harassment, and conflict arising from diversity or involving weapons.

Project Adventure and Educators for Social Responsibility

Adventures in Peacemaking: A Conflict Resolution Activity Guide for School-Age Programs by William J. Kreidler and Lisa Furlong (Hamilton, MA: Project Adventure, 1995). Addressed to school-aged child care providers, the guide presents dozens of experience-based strategies and activities that help children learn effective, nonviolent ways to avoid and resolve conflicts. Areas covered include cooperation, communication, expressing feelings, appreciating diversity, and conflict resolution.

W. K. Kellogg Foundation

Adults as Allies by Barry Checkoway (Battle Creek, MI: W. K. Kellogg Foundation); and *Young People Creating Community Change* by Barry Checkoway (Battle Creek, MI: W. K. Kellogg Foundation). These complementary workbooks—one written for adults and the other for youth—are based on the view that young people are competent citizens who have resources to offer, and a right and responsibility to serve their communities. *Adults as Allies* is a compilation of ideas to increase awareness in local communities; *Young People Creating Community Change* provides practical tools for youth working at the community level, with or without adult assistance.

Program Supports

Association for Experiential Education

Book of Metaphors, Volume II, by Michael A. Grass (Dubuque, IA: Kendall/Hunt, 1995). A compilation of presentations designed to enhance learning for those participating in adventure-based programs, including therapeutic and school-age populations. Discusses the design of metaphoric frames for client change and the ethical consideration of facilitating such activities.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Democracy in Action (New York: Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 1996). A publication of the Girl Scouts' Uniting for Action project, in collaboration with MANA: A National Latina Organization, the National Urban League, and the Organization of Chinese Americans. Examines traditions in democracy, the power of the vote, and young people and the democratic process. Presents 20 suggestions for enhancing civic education and voter registration activities.

Institutionalizing Pluralism: A Personal Growth Continuum (New York: Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., 1996). A poster that presents a matrix of Qualities (Exclusive, Passive, Inclusive) and Competencies (Awareness, Attitudes, Actions, Achievements) that portray a continuum moving toward pluralism.

Promoting Positive Pluralistic Attitudes Among Girls (New York: Girl Scouts of the

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U.S.A., 1992). A series of three articles, "Citizenship with a Global Perspective," "Valuing Diversity," and "Relating to Others," that promote increased respect for the differences among people.

JCC Association of North America

Building Community: A Simulation Game by Amy L. Sales and Simon Klarfeld (Waltham, MA, and New York: Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies/Institute for Community and Religion and the JCC Association of North America, 1995). A simulation game that gives participants opportunities to experience and discuss the group dynamics processes involved in creating a collaborative approach to teen programming.

Search Institute

Starting Out Right: Developmental Assets for Children by Nancy Leffert, Peter L. Benson, Ph.D., and Jolene L. Roehlkepartain (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1997). Blends findings from Search Institute's extensive research on adolescence with the literature on child development and the experience-based knowledge of those who work with children. Provides ideas for building assets for difference age groups, information about the impact of each asset on children, and more.

Related Readings

Respecting Our Differences: A Guide to Getting Along in a Changing World by Lynn Duvall (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1994). Encourages young people to become more tolerant of others and to learn to value the diversity that makes up American cultural life. Suggested activities help young people question their attitudes and beliefs about others.

The Ultimate Kids' Club Book: How to Organize, Find Members, Run Meetings, Raise Money, Handle Problems, and Much More! by Melissa Maupin (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1996). A step-by-step guide to forming a club, finding a sponsor (if needed), setting goals, electing officers, planning and conducting meetings, deciding on activities, and solving problems. Contains examples of clubs that young people have formed; also provides a series of reproducible pages to aid in planning and budgeting.

What Do You Stand For? A Kid's Guide to Building Character by Barbara A. Lewis (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1998). Inspires young people to become their best selves by exploring and practicing honesty, kindness, empathy, integrity, tolerance, patience, respect, and more. Provides profiles of real young people who exemplify positive traits; dilemmas to discuss and debate; and activities that challenge them at home, in school, and in their communities. Includes resource section.

Lessons Learned

More and more, youth-serving organizations are being asked to document the outcomes of services they provide. Finding the resources to do meaningful evaluation is an ongoing challenge for agency personnel. The resources in this section include both the findings of evaluation studies and information about conducting appropriate program evaluation.

American Youth Policy Forum

Institute for Educational Leadership
1001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20036

Children, Families, and Communities: Early Lessons from a New Approach to Social Services by Joan R. Wynn, Sheila M. Merry, and Patricia G. Berg (Washington, DC. American Youth Policy Forum. 1995). A report of early lessons learned from an initiative in eight Chicago-area communities, seeking to enhance primary youth services through use of a framework developed by the Chapin Hall Center for Children.

Some Things DO Make a Difference: A Compendium of Evaluations of Youth Programs and Practices (Washington. DC: American Youth Policy Forum. 1995). What works and why? is discussed in 69 evaluations of youth interventions involving mentoring, employment and training, and education and youth development. Addressed to policymakers and program practitioners.

Annie E. Casey Foundation
(See KIDS COUNT)

Getting Smart, Getting Real: Using Research and Evaluation Information to Improve Programs and Policies (Baltimore. MD: Annie E. Casey Foundation. 1996). Report of the Foundation's second Research and Evaluation Conference held in September. 1995. Discusses the need for better research and evaluation, adapting research and evaluation to meet current needs, and using research and evaluation information to improve programs and policies. Although addressed to "big picture" program evaluation, there is much that is relevant to any organization seeking to "work smarter."

Carnegie Corporation of New York
437 Madison Avenue
New York. NY 10022

The Role of Sports in Youth Development (Report of a Meeting Convened by Carnegie Corporation of New York, March 18. 1996) by Alan Poinsett (New York: Carnegie Corporation of New York. 1996). A summary of the developmental needs of young adolescents; descriptions of youth sports programs; statistics on youth sports participation. Includes commissioned paper, *Role of Organized Sport in the Education and Health of American Children and Youth* by Martha E. Ewing. Vern D. Seefeldt, and Tempie Brown (East Lansing. MI: Institute for the Study of Youth Sports. Michigan State University. 1996). This paper examines the role of youth sports in American culture; the barriers to participation; the relationship of sports to social/emotional and moral development; ethical issues; youth sports as a deterrent to negative behavior; and sports' contributions to physical health and well-being. Concludes with an overview of the changing national youth sports scene and presents recommendations for improvements that could be implemented through community-based programs.

Center for Youth As Resources (1994)
1700 K Street NW. Suite 801
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Youth as Resources (YAR) is a community-based program that provides small grants to young people ages 5-21 to design and carry out service projects that contribute to positive community change. YAR programs are governed by local boards of youth and adults responsible for grant making. Through low-cost projects, young people in inner-city, rural, and suburban communities, school, and correctional facilities tackle a range of social issues that concern them—from health, housing, education, and the environment to drug abuse, gangs, illiteracy, and crime. Youth from all walks of life get involved—

whether they have volunteered before or not, whether they have troubled histories or are honor roll students.

Since 1987, when the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) (see page 176) launched YAR, more than 100,000 young people have conducted more than 3,500 volunteer projects. In August 1994, the national Center for Youth as Resources (CYAR) became an independent nonprofit affiliate of NCPC and supports a growing network of more than 40 programs across the U.S., as well as in Canada, New Zealand, and Poland.

CYAR staff consult with potential new sites to determine the assistance and materials needed to launch a YAR program. Staff provide a range of supportive services, publications, and videotapes. Program descriptions and evaluations of YAR in communities and special settings are available. CYAR's Web site provides additional information about the philosophy and program building blocks, as well as a sampling of youth projects, ordering information for materials and services, and more.

Drug Strategies
2445 M Street NW
Washington, DC 20037
202/663-6090

Making the Grade: A Guide to School Drug Prevention Programs by Drug Strategies (Washington, DC: Drug Strategies, 1996). Looks at nearly 50 drug prevention programs currently in use in the nation's schools. Provides ratings by a panel of reviewers for each program on areas of strength, problems and areas needing improvement, and special elements of the program such as cultural sensitivity. Stresses that programs are most effective when in-school lessons are "reinforced by a clear, consistent social message that teen alcohol, tobacco, and drug use is harmful, unacceptable and illegal" and that family and community involvement is particularly important for older adolescents.

Keeping Score (Washington, DC: Drug Strategies, 1997). Provides an overview of patterns of teen substance use; the roles played by peers, the media, and pop culture; and the importance of strong ties to parents and a sense of "connectedness" to family and school in reducing vulnerability to substance abuse. Highlights a number of promising programs and underscores the potential for after-school and other structured educational and recreational activities as strategies for keeping young people out of trouble during the time that parents are not available.

National Collaboration for Youth

Position Statement on Accountability and Evaluation in Youth Development Organizations (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). Developed by members of the National Collaboration for Youth to address the concerns of funders related to performance and outcome measures of accountability. Includes recommendations for productive, efficient, and appropriate measures of program outcomes and service accountability.

National Helpers Network, Inc.

Students as Evaluators: A Guide to Implementation (New York: National Helpers Network, 1994). Helps adults guide students through self-designed evaluations. As evaluators, students develop a research design, collect data, tabulate results, and make recommendations about programs in which they have participated.

National Institute of Justice
National Criminal Justice Reference
Service
P.O. Box 6000
Rockville, MD 20849-6000
800/851-3420

Youth Afterschool Programs and Law Enforcement by Martha Chaiken (Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice, 1997). A 60-minute videotape of a presentation at the NIJ's Work in Progress Seminar. (Summarized in *National Institute of Justice Research Preview*, August 1997.) Report of a survey of seven national youth-serving organizations; it found that local affiliates are serving many children and teenagers who are at high risk for crime and delinquency and, to the extent that these local affiliates are themselves imperiled by crime and violence, they are likely to enlist police assistance in implementing prevention programs.

National Institute on Out-of-School Time

I Wish the Kids Didn't Watch So Much TV: Out of School Time in Three Low Income Communities by Beth Miller, Susan O'Connor, Sylvia W. Sirignano, and Pamela Joshi (Wellesley, MA: Center for Research on Women, 1997). Executive Summary available. Describes the findings of a study of children's use of out-of-school time.

Search Institute

Making the Case: Measuring the Impact of Youth Development Programs by Nancy Leffert, Rebecca N. Saito, Dale A. Blyth, and Candyce H. Kroenke (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1996). Commissioned by the YMCA of the USA, this report responds to the growing pressure from funders for youth-serving agencies to "document the positive benefits and impacts of program participation on youth." It summarizes the literature in the field including a framework for understanding youth outcomes, the critical elements of effective youth development programs, the impacts of specific types of programs. It also addresses program accountability needs, examines alternatives, and makes recommendations.

Strengthening the Youth Work Profession

The following publications represent just a few of the resources for staff training and strengthening youth development organizations and programs.

Center for Media Education

1511 K Street NW, Suite 518
Washington, DC 20005
202/628-2620
URL: *www.cme.org/cme*

Connecting Children to the Future: A Telecommunications Policy Guide for Child Advocates by Center for Media Education (Washington, DC: Center for Media Education, 1996). Designed to help child advocates understand the sweeping changes in every aspect of society brought about by the World Wide Web and enable them to take a leadership role in policymaking, particularly through working with Public Utilities Commissions at the state level.

Center for Youth Development and Policy Research, Academy for Educational Development

Training Youth Workers at the Community Level: A Resource Kit (Washington, DC: Center for Youth Development and Policy Research, 1996).

A series of resource papers based on three years of research on community-based training for youth workers. Some of the papers included are: "Definitions, Language, and Concepts for Strengthening the Field of Youth Development Work," "Training for Youth Workers: An Assessment Guide for Community-based Youth-serving Organizations to Promote Youth Development," "Case Studies of Organizations Promoting Community-wide Training for Youth Workers," "How Youth Workers Learn: Implications for

Professional Development," "Core Competencies of Youth Workers" (1995).

Advancing Youth Development: A Curriculum for Youth Workers (Washington, DC: Center for Youth Development and National Network for Youth, 1995). A training curriculum designed for direct service youth workers and their supervisors, particularly those who serve youth from high-risk situations. Developed by a partnership of the Center and the National Network for Youth, curriculum introduces youth workers to a youth development approach and its implications for youth work practice. The curriculum is presented in a series of seven session requiring a minimum of 25 hours for completion.

Children's Defense Fund

Welcome the Child: A Child Advocacy Guide for Churches (Washington, DC: co-published by Children's Defense Fund and Friendship Press, 1994). A revised edition of the guide for clergy, staff, and anyone involved in children's ministries.

National Collaboration for Youth

Compendium of Information Sources on Youth (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). A resource for youth work professionals, volunteers, funders, grant writers, researchers, educators and others who work with youth, it pulls together information about more than 80 clearinghouses, libraries, research centers, youth development organizations, and publishers.

Credentialing Activities in the Youth Development Field (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). Describes efforts to establish recognized standards for ensuring that competent staff deliver services of high quality to children and youth. It identifies individuals, organizations, and associations that are working toward this goal; encourages networking among professionals.

Salaries and Benefits in Youth Development Agencies—1996 (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1996). Examines the salaries, benefits, and minimum educational requirements for full-time and part-time youth development professionals in selected community-based agencies nationwide.

Screening Volunteers to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: A Community Guide for Youth Organizations (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). This guide provides an expanded discussion of the rationale for the recommendations outlined in the *Three-Step Action Guide* (below). Provides detailed information regarding policies for screening and selecting volunteers who work with children and youth in order to prevent sexual abuse.

Screening Volunteers to Prevent Child Sexual Abuse: A Three-Step Action Guide (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). Presents a three-step process for screening volunteers in agencies serving children and youth to prevent sexual abuse. It addresses risk, establishing criteria, and selecting screening tools; also includes a child sexual abuse risk-exposure matrix and recommendations for process of screening.

Something to Say Yes To: Careers in Youth Development (Washington, DC: National Collaboration for Youth, 1997). Describes how professionals obtain their jobs, a typical day on the job, and where to get more information and resources on careers in the youth development field.

The National Institute on Out-of-School Time

Growing Together: Connections Between the School-Age and Care and Youth Work Professions (Professional Development Paper #1) by Marie E. Esposito (Wellesley, MA: Center for Research on Women, Wellesley College, 1997). Examines the emergence of a strong connection between the school-age child care and youth service fields that emerged during the first year of implementation of the MOST (Making the Most of Out-of-School Time) Initiative. Suggests that school-age child care providers seek out collaborative relationships with community-based organizations and open discussion of mutual concerns.

Search Institute

The Attitudes and Needs of Religious Youth Workers: Perspectives from the Field by Peter Scales, et al. (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1995). Presents findings from a study of youth workers from a variety of faith communities; examines their priorities and interests and their level of interest in interfaith cooperation for training, support, and advocacy for youth.

Youth Development in Congregations: An Exploration of the Potential and Barriers by Eugene C. Roehlkepartain and Peter C. Scales (Minneapolis, MN: Search Institute, 1995). Suggests a vision for youth development in congregations, based on the Institute's research on developmental assets.

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Great Fundraising Ideas for Youth Groups by David and Kathy Lynn (El Cajon, CA: Youth Specialties/Zondervan, 1993). Focuses mainly on the church youth worker, but the ideas can work well with other youth-serving groups.

Youth Service and Social Action

Young people can develop a sense of responsibility for community-building through service to others. This group of publications examines youth volunteerism and service-learning experiences.

How to Make the World a Better Place by Jeffrey Hollender with Linda Catling (New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1995). Discusses 116 ways that adults and young people can make a difference.

The Kid's Guide to Service Projects: Over 500 Service Ideas for Young People Who Want to Make a Difference by Barbara A. Lewis (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1995). Contains hundreds of service ideas, outlines 10 steps to successful service projects, provides "how-to" information, and more.

The Kid's Guide to Social Action: How to Solve the Social Problems You Choose—and Turn Creative Thinking into Positive Action (Revised, Expanded, Updated Edition) by Barbara A. Lewis (Minneapolis, MN: Free Spirit Publishing Inc., 1998). Helps kids develop media and communication skills, change or initiate laws, network, and much more. Lists government contacts, resource groups, and awards and recognitions for young people.

Newsletters and Periodicals

This list contains a sample of the youth development periodicals now available.

Assets: The Magazine of Ideas for Healthy Communities & Healthy Youth (Search Institute; quarterly, available by subscription). An outgrowth of Search Institute's Healthy Communities • Healthy Youth national initiative to unite communities for children and adolescents. Includes ideas, stories, and resources from schools, youth-serving organizations, congregations, parents, businesses, and community partnerships engaged in asset-building initiatives.

CDF Reports (Children's Defense Fund; monthly, available by subscription). Provides current data (national and local) about developments affecting children, including health, family income, child care, and teen pregnancy prevention.

Community YouthRoles (National Helpers Network, Inc.; three times per year, free). Provides brief articles and reports from the field about service-learning programs, as well as information about new books, conferences, and training opportunities.

The Future of Children (Center for the Future of Children, David and Lucille Packard Foundation, 300 Second St., Suite 102, Los Altos, CA 94022. URL: *futureofchildren.org*; 3 times a year, free to controlled circulation; executive summaries available). Designed to stimulate informed debate, topical issues contain articles that summarize knowledge and experience in that area, summarize current public policy, and make recommendations for policies that will better meet the needs of young people.

The Generator (The National Youth Leadership Council; semi-annual, free to members). Written by service-learning practitioners. Covers project ideas, curricula, policy, and research in the field.

InfoActive Kids (Center for Media Education; quarterly, available by subscription). Print publication and online publications provide information on technological trends, recent reports, and lists of key resources.

Junior League Baseball (Junior League Baseball, P.O. Box 9099, Canoga Park, CA 91309; nine times per year, by subscription). This publication is endorsed by most of the nation's youth baseball programs. It inspires young people to do and be their best, both on and off the field.

Melpomene Journal (Melpomene Institute; three times per year, free to members). The journal is devoted to discussions of the linkages between physical activity and health among girls and women. Articles frequently address issues of sports and fitness for girls.

New Designs for Youth Development (National Network for Youth; quarterly, available by subscription). A journal for youth development professionals that provides comprehensive coverage of the field.

NSEE Quarterly (National Society for Experiential Education; quarterly, available to members only). A professional journal covering issues in experiential education, research reports, program profiles, book reviews, and more.

School-Age NOTES (School-Age NOTES, P.O. Box 40205, Nashville, TN 37204; 12 issues per year, by subscription). Addressed to school-age care professionals working in after-school programs. Provides updated and new information about the field, as well as practical ideas, safety tips, budgeting hints, free resources, and more.

Science Education News (American Association for the Advancement of Science, Directorate for Education and Human Resources Programs; eight times per year, free). Informs the science education community about activities relating to school science, math, and technology education carried out by AAAS, its affiliates, and other organizations.

Source (Search Institute; biannually, free). Highlights latest Institute research on youth and suggests implications for policy, programs, and further research.

Teaching Tolerance (A Project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, P.O. Box 548, Montgomery, AL 36177-9621; twice a year, free to educators). A biannual magazine for teachers that, with the Project's free teaching kits, tackles intolerance head-on.

Youth Today: The Newspaper on Youth Work (American Youth Work Center; bimonthly, free). Examines programs, policies, and services in the youth development field.

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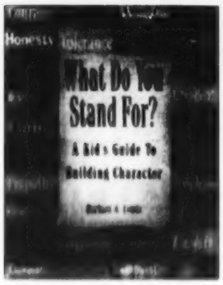

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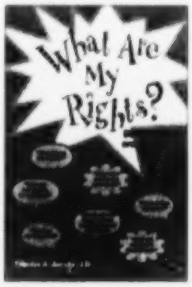

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